

1970, including 14 UJA Israel missions during which she has worked to continue the strong and vibrant relationship between Israeli and American Jews. Her deep personal connection to and involvement with the State of Israel is one of the many reasons Ms. Gans has been a successful leader in the Jewish community.

Eva has received numerous accolades and distinctions from the grateful organizations which have been privileged to have her involved in their causes. These include the Gates of Jerusalem Award from Boys Town Jerusalem, the Woman of Valor Award and the Award of Honor from Bergen County Israel Bonds Women's Division, the Woman of Vision Tribute from Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) Northeastern New Jersey Region, the Lion of Judah Award from Israel Bonds, and selection as an Honoree at the United Jewish Community Women's Division Spring Luncheon. Additionally, Ms. Gans was the first woman in Bergen County to receive the Shofar Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Jewish Community on Scouting, Bergen Council.

A resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, Eva Lynn Gans and her loving husband Leo have raised three wonderful sons, who have enriched her life with five amazing grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, on her successful tenure as president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck. I join with the grateful members of her synagogue in thanking her for innumerable contributions to the northern Jersey Jewish community and American Jewry at large. I am confident that her involvement in Jewish life and leadership will continue to strengthen this special community.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH DATA ACT OF 2011

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have reintroduced legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act for the purposes of providing the resources necessary for the Department of Health and Human Services to survey the health of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, NHOP. Specifically, the bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement an ongoing national strategy for evaluating the health status and needs of NHOP populations living in the continental U.S., Hawaii, American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, and the Freely Associated States. The Secretary would conduct a health survey to determine the major regions in which NHOP people reside and include data helpful in determining the health care needs of the respective NHOP communities. In developing both the national strategy and survey, the Secretary would work in consultation with community groups and non-governmental organizations to develop the best methods and practices. Additionally, the legislation would update the work of the 1998 Institutes of Medicine report: "Pacific Partnerships for the Health: Charting a New Course for the

21st Century." The report would include the data regarding the status and performance of health care systems in the insular areas, and determine the effectiveness of donor aid in addressing the insular areas' needs.

In 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised federal data collection standards to recognize the significant demographic, historical, cultural, and ethnic differences that exist between Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans. These important distinctions are not simply cultural or historical, but also encompass unique health and socio-economic challenges among the different populations. The standard requires that Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander data be collected, disaggregated and reported separately from Asian American data by all federal agencies no later than January 1, 2003.

However, not all federal agencies are in full compliance with OMB Revised Directive 15. In the places where limited agency data do exist, they are not made publicly available or it takes years to release. On a national level, the sample size of the NHOP population in studies and reports is not represented because of a lack of data—resulting in meaningful information and statistics being unavailable to health organizations, federal, state, territorial and local agencies and policymakers.

Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are ready to move forward with efforts to improve public health in their communities. This scientific survey would establish baseline health information to inform health policy and interventions so that individual and community health can be properly tracked and evaluated. Additionally, it would provide critical information for both NHOP communities' health care providers and organizations that work with these communities to develop appropriate health care strategies for public health education and resources.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and the larger cause of eliminating health disparities. I would like to thank Chairman DANIEL INOUE for his leadership introducing companion legislation in the Senate. I would also like to thank my fellow cosponsors in the House for their support: Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN, Congressman ENI FALEOMAVEGA, and Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN.

IN HONOR OF GREG BALDWIN

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my hometown is often held out as an example of a community where livability is a primary goal. For the last forty years, people have been pioneering efforts to make cities work better through creative land use planning, zoning, transportation initiatives, public art and public spaces.

There have been many who have helped shape this way of thinking and prove its effectiveness with results on the ground. Politi-

cians, civic and business leaders have all played important roles, but none has been more influential but less publicly known than Greg Baldwin.

Greg was a prominent Portland architect and designer who grew up in the city and went on to earn three Harvard degrees and study abroad. He came by his vision and commitment honestly; his father was a dedicated public servant and a key administrator in Portland for years with schools, the Port Commission, and later in life as the first real Commissioner of Transportation for the state of Oregon.

Greg played a leadership role, striving for excellence in design in our community with revitalization of our schools, creating our light rail system, and the Portland Transit Mall. Greg Baldwin was sought after for projects around the country that benefited from his keen eye and grand sense of aesthetics—the things that one would expect from a leading architect.

Yet, his most enduring gift was an insight into how planning and civic engagement can coax more out of these opportunities to shape our built environment, which in turn shapes us. Greg was patient, thoughtful, and a good listener, as well as being fair and smart. He excelled in bringing various groups together. He seemed able to help anyone who shared the ultimate goal of a signature project to help understand the contributions that everyone could make to achieve the desired objective.

With all his intellect and professional accomplishments, he was foremost a great friend and accomplished artist. Committed to family, friends, and coworkers he was an outstanding human being. While he will be deeply missed, those who mourn his passing will take comfort knowing his many contributions will influence communities across America for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING VERSAILLES RESTAURANT ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this week a true Miami landmark celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Versailles restaurant has been a beloved institution in my South Florida community for decades.

Felipe Valls, Sr., opened Versailles in 1971. From the very beginning, Versailles has been a family affair.

Early on, his son, Felipe Valls, Jr., bussed tables and worked with maintenance crews after school.

From these humble beginnings, Versailles has become a franchise with restaurants throughout Miami, Doral and even Pembroke Pines.

The secret to Versailles' success has been its family-oriented atmosphere and its simplicity.

Its menu of traditional Cuban cuisine has enriched the cultural palate of South Florida.

From ropa vieja to its house-made fried plantains and yes, even its famed "cafecito," Versailles has become a culinary delight for its patrons.

Versailles allowed many Cuban-Americans to reconnect with their heritage.

For countless Cuban exiles, Versailles is much more than a restaurant.

It is a tangible piece of what they left behind when they fled Castro's gulag.

As a Cuban-American, I know the cultural and emotional link Versailles has with so many members of our community.

Versailles is a place where the Cuban community can come together and discuss topics as far ranging as politics, sports or the latest gossip or "chisme."

But Versailles has also become a destination for individuals from all backgrounds.

Its status as a cultural landmark has brought politicians, artists and celebrities of all stripes to its doors.

Today the Valls family is celebrating 40 years of Versailles.

Despite all their success, family is still the most important component in their lives.

It is also the reason why Versailles resonates with so many members of my community.

It reflects the love and devotion the Valls family has for one another and their community.

I congratulate Felipe Valls and the entire Valls family on this milestone.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I have always strongly supported Israel's security and rights as a nation, and I continue to support a two-state solution that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state, which is essential to achieving peaceful reconciliation among Israel, the Palestinians and their neighbors in the region. Consistent with those principles, yesterday I voted "present" on House Resolution 268 because it did not move the parties forward on negotiations or toward these goals. My concern has always been to bring the parties to the table so they can resolve their differences.

PROCLAMATION FOR CHIEF MICHAEL MOYER FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2011, Chief Michael Moyer retired from the Laconia Police Department after twenty-seven years of faithful service. The Chief began his career as a Special Officer on January 3, 1984 and became a full time Police Officer the following February 11. After rising through the ranks, he was appointed the Chief of Police in Laconia on November 1, 2007 and served in

that position for the next three and one-half years.

Chief Moyer is a native of Laconia, New Hampshire and has dedicated his professional life toward the safety and wellbeing of his home town. Chief Moyer is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and is a recipient of the Congressional Law Enforcement Award for his actions involving the Hells Angels during the 1998 Motorcycle Week Rally. Among many noteworthy achievements, Chief Moyer is to be commended for starting Laconia's first Citizens Police Academy.

I congratulate Chief Moyer on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of the community. I wish both Chief Moyer and his wife Robin continued success in their life together.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NADINE MCCAW

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Nadine Driskell McCaw of Century, Florida who passed away on July 7, 2011. Nadine was a tremendous public servant committed to helping others, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Born 57 years ago, Nadine is a lifelong Century resident and graduated from Century High School in 1972. She worked at the Century Branch Library, and her life's passion was service to others. As a Century Town Council Member, Nadine worked to better the lives of those in her community. She was an avid supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and numerous other causes. Nadine and her husband Eddie were married for more than 39 years.

Four years ago, Nadine was diagnosed with invasive cancer and given six months to live by doctors. She survived and went on to continue her service as Councilwoman and active community member. Her smile touched all of those who had the pleasure of her company, and her service to the Town of Century will not be forgotten. Nadine was a dedicated, courageous, and loving person, and it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge her passing to be in God's hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Nadine McCaw. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Eddie, her children, Juanita Watson and Felicia Jones, eight grandchildren, and entire extended family. She will be missed by all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 502 on Representative BARBARA LEE's amendment to the 2012 Defense Appropriations Act

to "strike \$33,000,124,000 from title IX and increase the Spending Reduction Account by the same amount" in order to redeploy U.S. armed forces out of Afghanistan by the end of 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

HONORING KERA-TV (CHANNEL 13)

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KERA-TV and Radio, a broadcasting station in Dallas, Texas, for 50 years of quality programming on the air.

In the late 1950's, in my home of North Texas, community leaders, educators and owners of commercial television stations had a vision to build a television station centered around educational issues. KERA Channel 13 went on the air in late 1960 with only a few programs intended for teachers and students. Since then, KERA-TV has grown and has evolved to carry a full slate of public television programs and independent productions, including an extensive lineup of weekday programs committed to the intellectual and social development of children.

KERA expanded its outreach and founded its public radio station 90.1 (KERA FM) which went on the air in 1974, serving Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton. KERA FM has a news and information format. The station's own productions include reports and specials from the KERA news staff, Think with Krys Boyd and Anything You Ever Wanted to Know with Jeff Whittington.

A second radio station, KKXT 91.7 FM, with a music format, began broadcasting in late 2009 to the greater Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton metropolitan area. This station's programming is also streamed online at kxt.org. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, KERA-TV will be airing vintage episodes of shows, documentaries and concerts from its archives on select Friday and Sunday nights through the end of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, my community has benefitted immensely from the quality programming of KERA-TV and radio. I congratulate them on 50 years of excellence in public broadcasting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM AND WIRE- LESS INNOVATION ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my good friend and colleague, Congressman GENE GREEN of Texas, I am introducing the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act today to address the sensible and long neglected needs of public safety. This legislation builds on S. 911, Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON's outstanding bipartisan bill, which was recently reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.