

St. Ann parish in Tobyhanna. Currently, Father Ghezzi is serving as chaplain of the Little Flower Manor Nursing Home and St. Therese Residence in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the vital role this true leader has taken on shaping the religious landscape of so many communities. Father Ghezzi has humbly served for twenty-five years, throughout which he has certainly touched many lives and left a lasting impact on the parish's he has helped to build.

OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Christopher Steven Hostettler for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Christopher has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

IN HONOR OF RAYMOND S. ANGELI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge Raymond S. Angeli, President of Lackawanna College, for his outstanding service to both his community as well as the students he has tirelessly represented since 1994. President Angeli's departure from Lackawanna College will surely be a loss for not only the College, but for all who matriculate there.

President Angeli is no stranger to serving both his community and his country. Prior to his position at Lackawanna College, he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. He has also served as a representative to the Southwest Asia Working Group in the Pentagon, Deputy Director of U.S. Army Personnel in Sattip, Thailand, a Department of Defense Inspector General, and Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs of Pennsylvania under Governor Robert Casey.

Lackawanna College has seen unprecedented growth under the helm of President Angeli. The College moved to their current Scranton location in 1996. This move made the College more accessible to students as well as providing the space for a plethora of academic opportunities. To this campus, President Angeli has also seen the addition of a theater, a student center and dormitories. Lackawanna College did not stop expanding; President Angeli's legacy includes the New Milford location as well as the expansion of the Lake Region campus.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize Lackawanna College President Raymond S. Angeli or his pro-

motion of educational priorities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has truly played an integral role in ensuring that this community's youth has the tools to have successful futures.

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IN HONOR OF FATHER O'HARA

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and acknowledge Father Thomas O'Hara for his 12 years of service as President of King's College, a liberal arts Catholic college located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Father O'Hara fostered a strong sense of community throughout King's College. As a native of my own hometown of Hazleton, PA, he is the first alumnus president of King's College. Ordained in 1978 by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father O'Hara first taught political science at King's College from 1988 to 1994. He now leaves the Presidency to return to the classroom as a political science professor.

Under Father O'Hara's administration, King's College has achieved national accolades for its academic programs and service to the community. King's was recently recognized among the Nation's best in a ranking that stresses service to the community and social mobility of the student body. He has seen the College through tremendous physical growth as well, with the Scandlon Gymnasium expansion and the addition of the Alumni Hall, Gateway Corners and Barnes and Noble downtown bookstore, Kings has greatly increased the opportunities available to its students.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize today a true Northeastern Pennsylvania inspiration who has dedicated his life to the service of others. Father O'Hara has admirably accomplished King's mission of preparing students for meaningful and purpose driven lives. I commend his important service to his community and his country.

IN HONOR OF BERNADINE P. HEALY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, one of the seminal figures in the health community.

Dr. Healy was born on August 2, 1944 in New York City, the daughter of Michael and Violet Healy. She graduated from Hunter High School in 1962 and proceeded to graduate from Vassar College in 3 years. She then went on to Harvard Medical School, from which she graduated in 1970. Following postdoctoral work, she became a full-time professor in 1982 at Johns Hopkins University, where she was the cardiac director from 1976 to 1984.

In 1984 she was the deputy science adviser to President Ronald Reagan. From 1985 to 1991 she directed research and practiced cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, which was directed by her husband, Dr. Floyd D. Loop. She also served as president of the American Heart Association from 1988 to 1989.

Bernadine was the first woman to run the National Institutes of Health, a role which she held from 1991 to 1993. She became well-known for her intensity and capacity to innovate. She challenged conventional wisdom regarding women's health, especially the belief that coronary conditions were largely concerns for men. In response, she began the Women's Health Initiative, a study that focused on the causes, treatment, and prevention of cardiovascular diseases in women. Even though her role ended, the study continues to produce findings that affect the way the world views what is considered to be "healthy."

Dr. Healy was also the first physician to lead the American Red Cross, dean of the Ohio State University medical school from 1995 to 1999, and an adviser to President George W. Bush on bioterrorism.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, a vital figure in the health community and a woman whose contributions to women's health benefited millions of Americans.

HONORING THE PLYMOUTH FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps based in Plymouth, Michigan as they celebrate 40 years of service to our community and our country.

Formed in November 1971 by Mark and Carol Petty, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is not only the first fife and drum corps in Michigan, but the first fife and drum corps in the entire Midwest. Corps members aged 12–18 are dedicated to the preservation of the arts of color guard, fifing, and drumming through performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, and other civic events.

Each year the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps embarks on an eight to ten day tour to visit and perform at historical sites. The group prides itself on a celebrated history, having performed at sites of historical importance in the personal life and military career of George Washington during its silver anniversary year of 1996. The crowning moment of the tour was receiving a standing ovation after a performance for the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the official ceremonial unit of the Army, and escort to the President. The Old Guard has long served as a model for the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

Mr. Speaker, for 40 years the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has maintained a prominent presence in the Metropolitan Detroit area and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada to preserve our nation's musical heritage. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the storied members and alumni of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, and in recognizing their four decades of patriotic inspiration and loyal service to our community and our country.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DEBBIE SUTTON

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of California's Thirty-Seventh Congressional District to honor the courage and service of Ms. Debbie Sutton.

Ms. Sutton, a retired nurse from Long Beach, California was the sole volunteer from Long Beach's Chapter of the American Red Cross to be assigned to help in relief efforts after a devastating tornado ripped through Joplin, Missouri in May of 2011. The tornado that passed through the town of Joplin was so extensive, that it damaged the local hospital, destroyed four local schools and left surrounding areas in tatters. Ms. Sutton, one of the lead members of a volunteer team assigned to help residents of Joplin, played an integral role in securing replacements for lost medical equipment, medicine and other goods essential to public health.

Before Ms. Sutton was called to aid in the post-tornado recovery efforts in Joplin, she had been working to set up health services in preparation for floods in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ms. Sutton's role in assisting those in need in Joplin represents her fifth assignment as a volunteer in post-disaster recovery. Ms. Sutton also assisted in recovery efforts after hurricanes Rita and Katrina devastated Louisiana.

Ms. Sutton retired from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services in 2004, and is a truly an outstanding member of our community. In her retirement, Ms. Sutton has dedicated herself to volunteering. Her enthusiastic, adventurous, and altruistic personality serves as a model for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Ms. Debbie Sutton for her commitment to public health and public service.

IN HONOR OF ROCCO J. COLONNA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rocco J. Colonna on the occasion of his passing.

Rocco "Rocky" Colonna was an Ohio state legislator. He served from 1975 to 1998 in the Ohio General Assembly in the House of Representatives. During that tenure, he served as the chairman of the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee. In 1998, he was appointed by former Governor George Voinovich to serve on the Liquor Board for the State of Ohio as Commissioner. Additionally, he was a councilman for the City of Brook Park.

In all that he did, Mr. Colonna made sure that he treated everyone around him with dignity and respect. He is remembered by colleagues for always having a joke ready and was universally liked in the House, an accomplishment.

Aside from his political career, Rocco was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the United States Navy. Additionally, he was married for 54 years to Shirley (nee Meyer). Surviving Rocky are his brother Vito; his children, Tina Montagino and Lavaine Cates; his son Danny, who followed his father into politics and is currently a city councilman in Brook Park; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Rocco J. Colonna, a man whose unending duty to the State of Ohio and to this great nation is something to which we should all aspire.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDNA
ALIEWINE

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to rise today to inform the House of the death of Ms. Edna Aliewine. Founder of the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade and co-creator of the Watts Walk of Fame, Edna, a longtime Watts resident, devoted her life to instilling civic pride into residents of her community. Edna Aliewine passed away at her home on Tuesday at the age of 90 due to complications from lymphoma.

Ms. Aliewine was born in Los Angeles on January 1, 1921 and later went on to attend Los Angeles City College and Cal State LA. Upon graduation, Edna worked as a real estate agent and later as a private nurse, but many knew that Edna's real passion lay in community service and local politics. Ms. Aliewine was well known throughout the community for her many accomplishments and was held in high regard by those closest to her.

Among her proudest achievements, Ms. Aliewine founded the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade. Inspired by the glitz and glamour of the Hollywood Christmas Parade, Ms. Aliewine sought to bring her own version

to the community of Watts. In 1964, Ms. Aliewine started the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade by scraping together as much money and as many volunteers as she could. The parade has since turned into an annual event, which has spanned over 46 years and included many celebrities, such as Sammy Davis Jr. and the Jackson 5.

In 1988, along with Dr. James Mays, Ms. Aliewine decided to create the Watts Walk of Fame, a monument to community heroes. The Promenade of Prominence, as it is called, was placed along the edge of what is now Ted Watkins Memorial Park at 103rd and Success streets. Edna also served as President of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, founded the Watts-Willowbrook Chamber of Commerce, and the Watts Community Beautiful Corp.

Edna's community involvement and selfless attitude were a powerful example for her three children: Paula Aliewine, Marsha Feaster and Wilnora Ewell. She will always be remembered by Watts-Willowbrook residents for her wonderful spirit and dedication to community improvement. I ask all Members to join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of the late Edna Aliewine.

RECOGNIZING PURPLE HEART DAY

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2011

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Purple Heart Day.

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit or the Decoration of the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart bears the profile of George Washington, the man who led our country through the Revolutionary War and eventually became the nation's first President.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the armed forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force, or while being held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and may also be awarded to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force, or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force.

The Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit is our oldest military decoration.

Purple has always been a symbol of royalty and it is fitting that we award the Purple Heart to our wounded heroes, those American military members who have bravely served their country and risked their lives to secure our freedom. I want to thank all veterans for their bravery on behalf of the United States of America. I am personally inspired by the selfless service and devotion of the veterans who have fought for our nation.

The United States of America honors the service men and women who on distant fields of death gave their life blood for their country, not forgetting warriors of yesteryear or those still in Iraq or Afghanistan, today.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense