

OCIA has been LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council—the first airport in the nation to achieve this distinction. Among its “green” features, the new terminal at OCIA boasts use of wind, solar and geothermal energy systems, which drastically reduce the environmental impact and cost of operating this regional economic engine. Additionally, the terminal includes recharging stations for electric vehicles and not only showcases the use of recycled materials in its construction, but also demonstrates recycling of rainwater for landscape irrigation use on the building’s “living” wall.

Mr. Speaker, this latest first-in-nation accomplishment of the Oakland County International Airport is truly a remarkable milestone and as a lifelong Oakland County resident, it is a source of great pride. This “green” terminal is not only a realization of Oakland County residents’ continuing commitment to build a better future, but is also a model for the nation of the success that comes from the merging of economic development and environmentally sound building strategies.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL JAMES C. MILLER FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Colonel James C. Miller on the occasion of his retirement from a long and outstanding career in the United States Air Force and the Oregon Air National Guard.

Colonel Miller began his career in the Air Force through the ROTC program at Central Washington University in 1984. Early in his Air Force career he qualified as a pilot in the T-37 and the F-15 Eagle aircraft and served honorably throughout the United States. In 1999 he became a member of the Oregon Air National Guard as an instructor pilot in the Fighter wing at Kingsley Field, Oregon, and has since served in numerous jobs of increasing responsibility at Kingsley Field. Throughout his career in the Air Force, he became an accomplished pilot, exceeding 4,300 flying hours in the F-15 Eagle.

Colonel Miller most recently served as the Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field. During that tour of duty his exceptional leadership and tenacious dedication to duty to both the State of Oregon and the United States of America resulted in an outstanding set of accomplishments.

He commanded over 800 airmen, oversaw over \$20 million annually in operating costs, and orchestrated over 44,000 Class A accident-free flying hours. Under his leadership the wing accepted 19 new aircraft and converted the aircraft to new engines in only five months, while maintaining the highest mission capable rate in the Air Force.

Colonel Miller’s visionary leadership was instrumental in the establishment of Kingsley Field as the Air National Guard’s premier F-15 training unit and the Wing’s selection as the sole F-15 fighter training unit in the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Miller served his community as well as his military mission. He spearheaded the efforts of the most successful series of Combined Federal Campaigns in Kingsley Field history, raising more than \$500,000 for local non-profit agencies. He re-invigorated the Kingsley Field Military Affairs Committee, directly involving local civic and Chamber of Commerce leaders in supporting Kingsley Airmen. He created the “Pilot for a Day” program, allowing local underprivileged and challenged youth to experience what it’s like to be an Air Force pilot.

Throughout his long career, Colonel Miller served his country and his state honorably, and, on behalf of the people of Oregon’s Second District, I want to thank him for his service.

ON THE OCCASION OF DOKKA FASTENERS’ GRAND OPENING IN AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dokka Fasteners Inc. as the company commemorates the grand opening of its new facility in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Dokka Fasteners is a company with over a century of experience in manufacturing precision quality bolts and studs for use in construction and energy development. Most recently, the company has expanded its focus to include production of bolts for alternative energy production systems, such as wind turbines. Over the company’s history it has developed the expertise to create a precision process, certified by the International Organization for Standardization, which results in a 100 percent traceability of its materials and a consumer confidence that has made Dokka a leader in its field.

Dokka Fasteners’ investment in Michigan is well poised to take advantage of a state whose leaders, from the local level to the federal level, are engaged in a concerted effort to develop Michigan as the center of knowledge, manufacturing and infrastructure of the next generation of energy production. As a commitment to developing alternative energy, state leaders passed a renewable portfolio standard which requires Michigan to produce at least 10 percent of its energy from alternative sources by 2015. As Oakland County’s Representative to Congress, I am pleased to have supported multiple national efforts to develop our nation’s alternative energy industry and nurture companies that are developing the vital information and infrastructure bases which are necessary to achieve those goals.

Dokka Fasteners’ investment in the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, and Michigan speaks to the progress Oakland County and Michigan are making in the fight to become the leaders in alternative energy production. The company’s facility will house a state-of-the-art quality inspection laboratory and will be the first hot-forming fastener manufacturing plant to open in the United States in over 40 years. Dokka’s choice to develop their products in Michigan represents a multi-million dollar investment in our local economy which will create nearly 100 new jobs and will aid the

Southeast Michigan region as it continues to develop its alternative energy portfolio.

Mr. Speaker, the grand opening of Dokka Fasteners’ new facility in Auburn Hills is a testament to our local, state and national commitment to strengthen our development of alternative energy. It is with the hard work of companies like Dokka that America will be able to approach a clean energy future with the knowledge and production capabilities necessary to achieve our goals.

HONORING PETER DOUGLAS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exceptional man and public servant. Peter Douglas has dedicated his life to defending our natural heritage and promoting conservation along the California Coast. Rarely does a single man cast such a long and positive shadow over our state; but as an architect of the California Coastal Commission, and as its longest-serving Executive Director, Douglas’s contributions are truly incalculable. His retirement in November 2011 will mark the end of a proud era in the history of our environmental movement.

Peter Douglas has long been a passionate fighter for a just cause. As a Jewish child born in Berlin in 1942, Douglas’s early life was imbued with a special sense of purpose. Douglas eventually immigrated via Mexico to California, where he attended the University of California at Los Angeles, graduating with a law degree in 1969—months after the Santa Barbara oil spill, and just as the national environmental movement was beginning to make significant strides.

Douglas wasted little time in putting his passion for public service to work, throwing his energy and expertise into the California campaign for 1972’s Proposition 20. Douglas was key in drafting the language for the voter-approval initiative that created one of the country’s most powerful land-use agencies, overseeing development across California’s entire Coastal Zone. In 1985, he became the third Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission, a position he has held to this day.

Under Douglas’s tenure, the Coastal Commission has become a formidable instrument for ensuring that all Californians’ voices are heard in development decisions affecting our unique coastal environment. Douglas has helped to expand public access to our beaches, limit private encroachment on public lands, and prevent the spread of pollution throughout our fragile ecosystem. His work has ensured that our coast remains above all a public landmark, inclusive of any individual who wishes to enjoy the same unspoiled natural wonder that has inspired others for generations.

Countless organizations have acknowledged the impact Peter Douglas has made as an environmental pioneer. He is the recipient of awards from groups as varied as the National Resources Defense Council, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club, the Environmental Defense Center, the California State Legislature, and the National Coast Trail Association. He was the first recipient of the

Julius A. Stratton "Champion of the Coast" Award, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has named him a National Marine Sanctuaries Environmental Hero. Douglas has also participated in an advisory role on President Clinton's U.S. Panel on Ocean Exploration, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science and Policy for the Coastal Ocean, and many others.

Throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the special honor of calling Peter Douglas a constituent and a friend. A longtime resident of Marin County, Douglas has been a powerful advocate for the priorities that Marin residents hold dear and a staunch promoter of my legislation to extend federal Marine Sanctuary protection to the Sonoma coast. He has also had a hand in public service at the local level, co-founding community nonprofits and co-chairing one of California's first successful campaigns to enact a parcel tax to support local public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a man who has made immense contributions to our environment, a man whose tireless advocacy has expanded the meaning of the public good. Peter Douglas's work has encouraged us to celebrate and protect the richness of our natural surroundings, and his legacy lives on in the unrivaled beauty of the coastline that defines California.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF MICHIGAN'S
SIXTH ANNUAL
WALK4FRIENDSHIP

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friendship Circle of Michigan as it holds its sixth annual Walk4Friendship.

Founded on the noble ideal that every person, regardless of physical and mental ability, deserves to have a loving and supportive environment, the Friendship Circle has become an important support network for individuals with special needs and their families.

In its seventeen years of existence, the Friendship Circle has expanded to cover more than eighty locations across twenty-two states and seven countries. Annually, over twenty-five hundred students with special needs in the metro Detroit area benefit from the specialized learning environment the Circle provides.

While there are many benefits to the Friendship Circle's members that are intangible, there are many numbers that sum the critical support it provides. Nine, the number of essential life skills which are taught to circle members at two hundred schools over fifty-four districts across Southeast Michigan. Seventeen, the number of customized lessons which are used to teach circle members important life skills. Eleven, the number of real-life environments at the Friendship Circle's Weinberg Village where members can practice and perfect their lessons to become productive members of the community. Nine-hundred, the number of volunteers in the metro Detroit region who have devoted time in 2011 to continuing to make the Friendship Circle's mission possible. And most importantly, one,

the founder of Friendship Circle, Rabbi Levi Shemtov, whose bold vision, righteous determination and commitment to his article of faith have made this program possible.

This year, as the Friendship Circle celebrates its sixth annual Walk4Friendship, we are reminded that our Nation is only as strong as the most vulnerable among us. With over five thousand participants expected this year, this 5k walk will continue to raise much needed resources and continue to raise the awareness community necessary to ensure that the Friendship Circle and its mission will endure.

Mr. Speaker, the Friendship Circle, along with its thousands of supporters in Southeast Michigan, has done so much to strengthen the lives of individuals with special needs and provide crucial support to their families. I am so pleased at the continuing success of the Friendship Circle in fulfilling its mission and look forward to continuing my work with it and its members as we move forward.

MARKING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the 21st Century began, for all intents and purposes, on September 11, 2001. It did not begin well.

The war against terrorism is among the greatest public policy challenges of our generation. The deceased were casualties of war to the same extent as any person serving on the battlefield. But the terrorists made no distinction between members of the armed forces and civilians. The terrorists made no distinction between small children, infants and adults. They killed their victims at will.

We in New Jersey lost roughly 700 people, second only to the state of New York. I stated on the floor of the New Jersey State Legislature 10 years ago and I repeat here today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives that it will take the genius and the tenacity of a free society to overcome the scourge of terrorism, but overcome it we shall.

We have made much progress in the last 10 years, but Mr. Speaker, more progress needs to be made.

On December 8, 1941, speaking here in the house of the people, the House of Representatives, Franklin Roosevelt said famously that "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

That is as true today regarding the war against terror as it was when Franklin Roosevelt spoke it about World War II so many years ago.

In one of the subsequent stanzas of "America the Beautiful" the author, Katherine Bates, wrote of "Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears," but of course that is not true. Human tears are still shed based upon what happened on 9/11 and alabaster cities gleam not as brightly based upon the horrific acts of the terrorists.

At the National Cathedral on September 14, 2001, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said this: "There are prayers that help us last through the day or endure the

night. There are prayers of friends and strangers that give us strength for the journey, and there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own. This world He created is of moral design. Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn."

The President went on to state at the conclusion of his remarks words that I believe are from the St. Paul's Epistle to Romans. The President said, "As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor death can separate us from God's love."

Mr. Speaker, this weekend we honor the memories of those who were lost on 9/11. We also honor the brave first responders to the horrific acts of a decade ago, and recall the tremendous heroism and self-sacrifice of so many in New York, at the Pentagon and on an airplane over Western Pennsylvania.

May God bless all of those who died on 9/11 and their families, those who bravely responded to the tragedy, and those who ever put on the Nation's uniform to serve and protect us from the dangers we have faced and continue to face.

And, Mr. Speaker, may God continue to bless the United States of America.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LEADERSHIP OF RACHEL YOSKOWITZ AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF DETROIT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my friend, Mrs. Rachel Yoskowitz, as she departs from Jewish Family Services of Detroit and for her lifetime of work and advocacy in the realm of public health.

Rachel has had a long and auspicious career with a record of strengthening public health and wellness, not only in the greater Detroit area, but across the country. Her decades of work in the field of public health span every niche of that realm, from instructing healthcare professionals, to directing non-profit health-related advocacy groups, to directing state public health programs. Over this time she has cultivated a breadth and depth of knowledge which have made her a leader in the public health arena taking part in the state and national task forces, crafting and implementing statewide programs for adolescent health during her time with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and writing many successful public and private grants to develop sustainability of programs she has created.

During her time in Southeast Michigan, Rachel has worked primarily with Jewish Family Services, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. For the first 10 years she directed the Immigration and Citizenship program at JFS. Under her direction, JFS assisted recently arrived immigrants with assimilation and acculturation into metro Detroit, particularly senior citizens. Additionally, the program provided continuing support to new residents in all stages of the immigration process.