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IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
LEVERETT JOHNSON HISTORICAL  
MARKER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Leverett Johnson Historical Marker being dedicated in Westlake, Ohio's Evergreen Cemetery on September 15, 2011.

Leverett Johnson became the City of Westlake's first settler in 1811 at the age of sixteen. On August 15, 1814, he married Abigail Cahoon, marking the first marriage in the City of Westlake. Leverett and Abigail raised nine children together in a cabin that he built.

Leverett was an active and dedicated member of his community. He served as the township trustee and treasurer for Westlake from 1815 through 1847. Additionally, he was Westlake's Justice of the Peace from 1822 through 1833. He continued his political career and served as the Cuyahoga County Commissioner in 1829 and was elected to serve in the Ohio State legislature five times between 1837 and 1856.

In 1820, Leverett generously donated a piece of his land to the City of Westlake for the purpose of creating a cemetery, the Evergreen Cemetery. The Cemetery now serves as the final resting place for many of Westlake's early settlers, including the Johnson family. It is one of Westlake's most historic locations. Now, 200 years later, the Ohio Historical Society is honoring the City of Westlake's founder, Leverett Johnson, and his legacy, with an Ohio Historical Marker.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the dedication of the Leverett Johnson Historical Marker.

COMMENDING TEXAS CITY, TEXAS  
ON ITS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Texas City, Texas on its one hundred year anniversary. Located alongside Galveston Bay, this city has made significant contributions to both the Houston and Texas economies. Congratulations to Texas City for a wonderful century of contributions to the Great State of Texas!

September 16th, 1911 marks the founding of Texas City. This city has grown from a sleepy town of 3,500 people in 1925, to a vibrant city of more than 45,000 people today.

Texas City plays a critical role in our state's economy with its contributions to the shipping and petrochemical industries. The Texas City Industrial Complex is a leading center of the petrochemical industry.

The history and economic efforts of Texas City bring pride to our state. Congratulations

to Texas City for one hundred years of excellence and to a bright future ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall 700 and 701. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" and "yes" for these measures.

| Bill  | Rollcall No. | Vote |
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| H.R. 2633—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended | 700          | Yes  |
| H.R. 1059—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass             | 701          | Yes  |

HONORING ALFRED L. PELOQUIN

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sympathy to commemorate the life of a tremendous journalist and friend Alfred L. Peloquin.

Mr. Peloquin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, where he was a 1st lieutenant and later promoted to captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. After a stint in Europe during WWII he became a reporter at The Bay City Times in 1946. He was later named city editor of The Times in 1959. In the 1970s he was named metro editor of The Saginaw News until 1981 when he was named editor of the Flint Journal, a job he held until his retirement in 1989.

During his time in journalism, Alfred Peloquin remained deeply involved in each community, serving as chairman of Bay City's Planning Commission, Commodore of the Bay City Yacht Club, a member of the Bay City Ski Club, Bay City Industrial Development Committee, the Bay City Community Concerts Association and Chairman of the United Fund Campaign. In Flint, he helped establish the former Alliance for Greater Flint and the community-wide World of Difference anti-prejudice program. He also created a high school workshop for minority journalists.

Shortly after his retirement, he joined the Flint AARP chapter and held a variety of posts with the local and Michigan AARP. Mr. Peloquin was active in AARP from April 1990 until December 2005 and his positions include Chairman of the AARP Michigan State Legislative Committee and member of AARP's Executive Leadership Council. In the 90s, he was also vice chairman of the Bay City Planning Commission, director for Jennison Hardware Co., a member of the Steering Committee for the Bay County Civic Arena and a member of the Community Round Table on Care for the Patient with Dementia. He sponsored numerous seminars and public forums addressing civic responsibility and good government and he continued to share his wisdom and knowledge to aspiring journalists throughout his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to the Peloquin family and my

gratitude for having met Alfred. I am a better person for knowing him and our community is better because of his tireless and dedicated work.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S MODERN INDEPENDENCE

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of Ukrainian independence. Twenty years ago Ukraine succeeded from the Soviet Union and on August 24, 1991 asserted its independence. For the first time since 1921, Ukraine was once again free. The Western world and in particular the United States welcomed Ukraine's sovereignty and its pursuit of democratic ideals.

Ukraine as a new nation has achieved much in the short time. Ukrainians enjoy the ability to share with the world their language, culture, history, and heritage without fear of persecution. During the Orange Revolution of 2004 the world saw Ukrainians united to uphold the sacred belief that in a democracy the will of the people must be fulfilled.

As we look back, we must remember that the path to democracy faces difficulties. Ukraine still struggles with its past, both inside and outside its borders. Legacies of the Soviet Union can still be seen in Ukrainian politics today. Political opponents have been intimidated and journalists harassed. Ukraine struggles to maintain civil liberties and the national identity of Ukraine has been endangered. Russia continually attempts to subjugate Ukraine by threatening Ukrainian territorial integrity, attempting to create Ukrainian reliance on Russian energy, and threatens Ukraine's pro-European ambitions. There are many challenges in democratization, but with the will of the Ukrainian people and the support of the world they can be realized.

On this twenty-year anniversary of independence I would like to offer my best wishes to all Ukrainians around the world who join us in celebrating this great milestone. It is important that we all reaffirm our strong commitment to Ukraine's independence as well as our tireless efforts to help democracy live strong in Ukraine.

IN RECOGNITION OF COGSWELL  
HALL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cogswell Hall, a permanent housing residence for low income adults facing critical life challenges.

Founded by Mrs. Benjamin Cogswell in 1889, Cogswell Hall evolved from her earlier advocacy work as leader of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). In 1878 Mrs. Cogswell formed the Missionary Committee of the Open Door to provide young

women temporary shelter, training, employment services, and spiritual guidance. However, she soon realized that these women needed a permanent residence and the Home of Friendless Girls was established.

The Training Home for Girls continued to operate. After several moves, it settled at its current location on Franklin Boulevard in 1914. In 1952, the Training Home for Girls was renamed Cogswell Hall in honor of its founder. Cogswell Hall has also adapted its mission several times, expanding its clientele from adolescent girls to women of all ages with limited incomes and disabilities.

Today, Cogswell Home's mission is to "provide safe, affordable housing and supportive services to adults of limited income facing critical life challenges who may otherwise be homeless." They serve as a permanent home for adult men and women facing life struggles ranging from developmental and physical disabilities to mental illness and addiction to abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Cogswell Hall, as they continue to serve as a safe haven for Greater Cleveland's disadvantaged.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN GORDON  
ROSS NAKAGAWA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American hero. Captain Gordon Ross Nakagawa was a career naval officer who completed his life journey with incredible dignity and grace on August 23, 2011. He was just 77 years old. Gordon's golden spirit was admired by many and will be deeply missed. I count myself privileged to have known him and know that his memory will be with us for generations to come.

Gordon was born on June 13, 1935 in Auburn, California. In 1941, Gordon, his parents Bunny and Harriet, and two brothers were sent to an internment camp at Tule Lake, California, and later to a farm labor camp in Caldwell, Idaho. In 1945, they returned to California where Gordon attended elementary school in Lincoln. There he first set eyes on his wife Jeanne. He graduated from UC Berkeley, where he served as the NROTC Midshipmen Battalion Commander.

On February 7, 1958, Gordon received his commission as an ensign in the United States Navy. He was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1959, earning the coveted Naval Aviation "Wings of Gold." After receiving a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in 1966, he was selected to fly Navy jets. He flew 185 combat missions in an A-6 Intruder. In December 1972, during Operation Linebacker II, his aircraft was struck down by enemy fire in North Vietnam. The North Vietnamese held Gordon as a prisoner of war at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" until his release on March 28, 1973.

Gordon's service in the Navy continued until September 1989. During his career, he helped develop tactics to protect carrier groups, taught at the United States Naval Academy, and coordinated all major design competitions

for U.S. Naval Aviation. He ended his active duty career as Chair of Tactical Analysis at NPS. Gordon was awarded two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, two Meritorious Service Medals, Distinguished Marksman (Rifle) Medal, Distinguished Pistol Medal, Prisoner of War Medal, and various other campaign, service, and individual awards.

Active duty retirement did not end Gordon's public service career. He continued to educate our service members at NPS and served on the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board for over 8 years. He was an active member in numerous organizations including the Military Officers Association of America, Naval Postgraduate School Foundation, the Marina Foundation, the Veterans Transition Center, and the Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery. His commitment to his community was honored by being named the 2004 Monterey County Veteran of the Year, and sharing the 2006 Marina Citizen of the Year with his wife.

Gordon's life is a great American story. He was a hero who defended our nation with valor, an esteemed educator who shared his knowledge with generations of students, and he was a strong leader in the community who led by example. Above all, he was a devoted husband to Jeanne; a loving father to Gregory, Kathleen, and Steven; and a caring grandfather to Ryan, Graham, and Tait.

Mr. Speaker, I speak on behalf of the whole House when I extend my deepest sympathies to the family of Captain Gordon Ross Nakagawa, and extend to them the gratitude of the nation.

COMMEMORATION OF THE  
SERVICE OF JUKE VAN OSS

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Juke Van Oss's 60 years of broadcasting on WHTC 1450 in Holland, Michigan. On Aug. 9, Juke celebrated 60 years of service to the station and his community.

Juke's work in radio began during World War II in the Philippines and Korea. No doubt, his service transmitting codes and protecting radio equipment helped coordinate American troops against the great foes of National Socialism and Fascism. For any American, this service should be more than sufficient to earn the gratitude of others, but Juke further endeared himself to the people of West Michigan with his work during peacetime.

After the war, Juke attained his amateur license and became a radio engineer for WHTC at the age of 27. Juke recognized that radio is a medium like no other. Nothing else commands such great respect for the spoken word, and Juke soon learned to inspire that respect in listeners throughout the community. One morning, the scheduled announcer failed to arrive on time so Juke took a seat at the microphone. An instant favorite of listeners, Van Oss began hosting his own morning show, and for the past 45 years he has hosted "Talk of the Town." Juke became a local celebrity in the Holland area as thousands of

families invited him into their homes, and men and women enjoyed his company during their daily commutes. Juke used radio to knit together and tighten a community. He helped make national issues local, and local people neighborly.

Mr. Van Oss is not only a radio personality, but a community servant. He served as a member of the Saugatuck Schools Board of Education and Village Council, including three years as Mayor, as well as President of the Chamber of Commerce and a seat on the Region 8 Criminal Justice Planning Council. I fervently wish for every community in our Nation their own Juke. Mr. Speaker, please let it be known that on this Sept. 16, 2011, that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledges the achievements of Mr. Van Oss and wishes him the best in his future years in broadcasting.

TRIBUTE TO KIDNEY DISEASE  
AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Nephrology Nurses Association as well as all those involved in the annual Kidney Disease Awareness Week, which took place this year from August 8th through August 12th.

There are over four hundred thousand Americans who have irreversible kidney failure, and the only treatment for this disease is dialysis or kidney transplantation. However, transplants are limited due to the shortage of donors, and the majority of patients who suffer from this forgotten ailment must undergo regular dialysis treatments.

The leading causes of end-stage kidney disease (ESRD), a disease that 24,000 New Yorkers suffer from, are Hypertension and Diabetes. An additional 15,000 people in my state suffer from these two ailments and are at risk of ESRD. Despite these staggering numbers, debilitating kidney diseases are typically forgotten.

Our area Nephrology Nurses play a fundamental role in providing our sick with dialysis and related treatments in my community and across the entire country. I applaud them for their efforts to contribute to the overall health of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the American Nephrology Nurses Association for their work to treat these diseases and urge every American to observe Kidney Disease Awareness Week this August.

CONGRATULATING STREET SOCCER  
USA ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE 4TH ANNUAL STREET SOCCER  
USA CUP

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Street Soccer USA—a leader in sports-based youth development for the least-