

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-

served in our country—on the occasion of its 4th Annual Street Soccer USA Cup that was held here in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Street Soccer USA is an effective and innovative organization which builds trust through sports to better leverage existing social services in communities across the U.S., enhancing their outcomes and tying the greater community to the issues of homelessness and poverty in a new way. Building on the basic sports platform, Street Soccer USA creates a positive community around people who are homeless, dramatically transforming their lives.

SSUSA uses team sports to deliver job and life skills training and other specialized services, ultimately connecting participants directly to jobs, education, and housing. It has a broad coalition of implementing parties in 18 cities across the United States, including the Foundation for Change in Montgomery County in my district. The program's systemic approach is designed to build trust, self-esteem, discipline, and basic financial literacy. Mentoring and goal setting practices are designed to transform lives and address barriers like drug addiction and mental instability head on.

In 2010, SSUSA launched a research initiative with four universities to examine the impact of sport based programming on marginalized populations and looking both at the impact of its 265 day a year programming and its single day events.

Since its creation in 2007, SSUSA has a history of success including 410 players placed in jobs and housing through 18 programs across the country. 92 percent of participants show a new motivation for life, and 75 percent pursue further education, address substance abuse issues, reconnect with family, or address mental health issues.

This June, members of the Montgomery County program joined over 200 athletes overcoming homelessness from 18 cities across the United States to compete alongside an estimated 500 youth, adult, and corporate team players as part of the nation's premier sport for social change event in D.C. The Cup attracted national media attention and participation from professional athletes, and involved grassroots outreach throughout the Spring and Summer. I am proud that the Montgomery County team took home a second place finish to the Street Soccer Minneapolis team during a hard-fought battle that ended in overtime penalty kicks.

Top achievers on and off the field were selected to represent the United States men's and women's teams at the 56 Nation Homeless World Cup in Paris, France in August.

Two members of the Montgomery County program, Salvador "Chamba" Matos and Alvaro Gonzales, were among the 16 chosen from 8 different cities to represent our country in Paris. Both have returned safely and are now employed, housed, and using their free time to help others who are in the situation where they once found themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of this year's participating Street Soccer USA Cup teams and the players chosen for the national teams. They are among a distinguished group of individuals dedicated to improving their lives.

I also want to recognize SSUSA's entire staff of employees and volunteers, who work so hard to strengthen their organization and help so many, and extend to them my best wishes for many successful years ahead.

They are demonstrating that ending homelessness is a team sport.

RECOGNIZING ORANGE COUNTY'S 1ST ANNUAL STAND DOWN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the First Annual Orange County Stand Down to be held in Santa Ana, California on September 17–18, 2011. Nationally, it is estimated that one-third of the homeless population in the United States are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, many of whom face a constant battle with the effects of their time in service to our nation. There are approximately 5,000 veterans residing within the borders of Orange County that currently experience some form of homelessness during the year.

This event will create a "one-stop" environment for these homeless veterans and their families to receive basic social services such as veterans benefit assistance, mental health and substance abuse counseling, along with housing and employment placement assistance. The first Orange County Stand Down expects to serve approximately 400–500 of the county's homeless veterans and their families, many of whom have served their country valiantly in theaters of combat ranging from World War II to the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Attendees of the Stand Down will be able to receive hot showers, new clothing, hot meals and a chance to bond with their fellow veterans.

Veterans First, a community-based organization in my district that serves homeless veterans along with other community groups and government entities such as the United States Veterans Administration (VA), State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the County of Orange, the American Legion, Elks Lodge, American GI Forum, the American Red Cross, and Furnishing Hope, have come together to serve a group of brave individuals who have fought for the freedoms we value and cherish.

I would like to recognize the First Annual Orange County Stand Down and commend its mission to restore honor to our homeless veterans and assist them in rebuilding their lives.

As ranking woman on the Armed Services Committee, I would like to extend best wishes of success to the First Annual Orange County Stand Down in the hopes that it will become a sustainable annual event to assist our homeless veterans until all of our heroes are no longer on the streets.

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 19–25, 2011

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important role that Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) play in educating

our nation's students. And I congratulate those institutions for their efforts as HSIs across the country celebrate National HSIs Week next week, September 19–25, 2011.

Hispanic Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many underprivileged students and helping them attain their full potential through higher education. National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week recognizes the contributions of these exemplary institutions at the forefront of service to our nation's youngest and largest ethnic population. It is significant that we pay tribute to them for their commitment to secure academic access, equity, excellence and success for every American.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions provide hope and opportunity to America's diverse communities of learners, reflecting the belief that every American should have access to a college education. While HSIs constitute less than 5 percent of America's institutions of higher education, they enroll 50 percent of all Hispanic Americans enrolled in colleges and universities.

This year also marks the 25th Anniversary or Silver Anniversary of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), an association working to improve the capacity of HSIs to help students succeed across our nation.

In honoring the many contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), we recognize the critical role that HSIs play in providing quality educational opportunities to Hispanics and to all other students who attend these institutions.

Congratulations to HACU and to the nations' Hispanic Serving Institutions, and thank you for your service to our communities and your contributions to higher education.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Federal Employee Short-Term Disability Insurance Act of 2011. This bill will offer federal employees short-term disability insurance at no cost to the federal government. Employees will be responsible for 100 percent of the premiums. If federal employees elect to purchase the short-term insurance provided for in my bill and they become injured or ill because of a non-work related injury or illness, federal employees will be able to collect disability insurance benefits, for up to one year, to replace a portion of their lost income.

I decided to investigate how we could provide short-term disability insurance to federal employees after learning that many of them already buy short-term disability insurance in the private market at high individual rates. Although federal employees have good health insurance, federal health benefits do not replace lost income if employees are unable to work. And, while federal employees may have limited available sick or annual leave days, these are often insufficient to cover the costs of an employee's living expenses if he or she has to be out of work for an extended period