

a level playing field. She often dreamt of winning the lottery, because, as she told her friends, "think of all the people and organizations I could help."

Carol herself benefited from some of her own work to help improve CHOMP's Breast Care Center. The American College of Radiology has designated the CHOMP facility a Breast Care Center of Excellence. Carol's work helped ensure that the Center can provide services to any woman regardless of income. The center offers comprehensive breast care in a single setting, same day biopsy, digital mammography, and minimally invasive diagnostic procedures using ultrasound, MRI and stereotactic guidance. Its team of specialists includes radiologists, pathologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, and plastic surgeons.

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, many of Carol's family, friends, and colleagues will gather to rededicate the CHOMP Breast Care Center in honor of Carol. Mr. Speaker, while Carol's friends and family reflect on her accomplishments on this special occasion, we honor her kindness, her courage and her spirit. We honor the family that Carol loved and cherished, her husband Dave Hatton, their two daughters Lindsay Hatton McClelland and Brynn Hatton, and their granddaughter, Hazel Hatton McClelland. The memory of Carol's love and compassion will live on in this legacy, as we rename Community Hospital's Breast Care Center The Carol Hatton Breast Care Center.

I know I speak for the whole House in calling out for special recognition of the special and intertwined relationship between Carol Hatton and the CHOMP Breast Cancer Center. Patients and their families will benefit from their work for years to come.

IN HONOR OF WALTER J. HANNON
OF QUINCY, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Walter J. Hannon in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of Quincy, MA, and to commend him for almost fifty years of dedicated service to his community.

The son of Helen and Walter Hannon, Walter was born on September 4, 1931, in the Hough's Neck section of Quincy, where he lived until 1945. Walter attended Quincy public schools and he graduated from North Quincy High School in 1949. While he has left Hough's Neck, Walter continues to reside in the City of Quincy.

Subsequent to his graduation, Walter went to work in the family tire business, the Hannon Tire Company. In November of 1953, Walter assumed control of the Hannon Tire Company and expanded the business, running its day to day operations until 1972. Concurrently, Walter served as Ward 5 City Councilor from 1964–1971, and as a State Representative from 1967–1973. He was elected Mayor of Quincy in 1972, serving in that capacity until 1975.

After serving as Mayor, Walter went to work for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce in

1976 as the Director of Small Business Development. In 1978, he was appointed Director of Planning and Development for the City of Quincy. On April 2, 1979, he was named Director of Development by Marina Industries to direct the master planning of Marina Bay in Squantum. Governor William Weld recognized Walter's ability and appointed him to the Massachusetts Port Authority as Director of Maritime Development. In 1996, Walter went to work for the Marina Bay Company to oversee the Granite Links project, a spectacular reclamation of a quarry into a first class golf course and restaurant. He presently holds the position of Director of Civic Affairs for the Granite Links Golf Club.

As many in the Quincy community will attest, Walter is known for his quick sense of humor, his loyalty to his friends, and his devotion to his family. He has had the good fortune to be married to Patricia for fifty-eight years and they are the proud parents of five children and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Walter J. Hannon's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his community of Quincy.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to stress the importance of getting regular mammograms. Women of all ages need to be screened for this deadly disease in order to catch it early. The earlier it is found, the higher the chance of winning the battle against breast cancer.

It has come to light in the past few years that breast cancer, once thought of as an older women's disease, does not discriminate between young and old. While it remains true that the likelihood of developing breast cancer increases with age, the incidence of breast cancer diagnoses has increased dramatically among women in their 20s and 30s. That is why it is absolutely vital that women, regardless of age, get routine mammograms.

Mammograms are a very powerful tool in the fight against breast cancer. Another tool in that fight, and one that should be performed every month, is a breast self-exam. They can help discover abnormalities in time for the doctors to successfully treat the disease and help your chances of a full recovery. Self-exams only take a few minutes of your time and could be the difference between life and death.

It is a little known fact and one that is rarely talked about, that men are also affected by this disease as well as women. While it is uncommon for men to get breast cancer, it does happen. Men should also perform breast self-exams on a regular basis.

Everyone is affected by this disease regardless of age, wealth or status, which is why it is so important to encourage your loved ones to make an appointment to receive a routine mammogram.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the entire House when I urge women of all ages to seek

regular mammograms; it is truly a matter of life and death.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN
SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY
FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE
"BEST HIGH SCHOOLS FOR MATH
AND SCIENCE" BY U.S. NEWS
AND WORLD REPORT

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for being named one of the "Best High Schools for Math and Science" by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News and World Report acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Magnet High School is proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence and is worthy of national distinction.

HONORING THE WHITTIER ELKS
LODGE 1258

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Whittier Elks Lodge 1258 on their 100th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone that deserves our recognition and praise.

For 100 years, the City of Whittier has benefited from the generous contributions and selfless acts of members of the Elks Lodge 1258. Beginning with about two dozen members in 1911, Lodge 1258 grew alongside Whittier and helped it become the prosperous and welcoming city it is today.

The Elks Foundation, driven by local lodges such as 1258, has been a model of organized civic engagement, sharing with communities' their ideals of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. These cardinal virtues are the keystone philosophies the Elks Foundation were founded upon.

The Elks Lodge 1258 has not only helped bring Whittier together, it has also served as a second home for many of the city's residents. The Elks Foundation, with help from Lodge 1258, contributes more than \$80 million yearly to benevolent education and patriotic community-minded programs, while actively advocating on behalf of physically and mentally challenged children and veterans.

Due in large part to the generous financial support of the Elks, countless Whittier parents have seen their children attend and graduate

from college, fostering future generations of service-oriented, civically engaged Whittier residents.

The contributions and achievements of the Elks Lodge are far too many to count, but the enrichment and sense of community they have created have greatly benefited the city of Whittier. For that reason, I would like to recognize Whittier's Elks Lodge 1258 for a century's worth of honorable deeds and good work. I am certain the next 100 years will be as successful.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY ACADEMY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE "BEST HIGH SCHOOLS FOR MATH AND SCIENCE" BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Academy for Information Technology in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for being named one of the "Best High Schools for Math and Science" by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News and World Report acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Academy for Information Technology is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. Union County Academy for Information Technology is a proud example of academic excellence and is worthy of national distinction.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN SRI LANKA
FOR LASTING PEACE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns about the current reconciliation efforts in Sri Lanka and my hope for a lasting peace for all of its people. This past May marked the second anniversary of the end to the Sri Lankan civil war between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, LTTE, and the government forces. This tragic war lasted a quarter century and undoubtedly weighed heavily on all Sri Lankans, including an entire generation of young adults that has only known war until two years ago. Peace was achieved, but for how long?

In order to help achieve a lasting peace, the burdens of the civil war must be lifted and the root causes of the conflict must be addressed. For these reasons, I commend the govern-

ment of Sri Lanka for making commitments to address the needs of all ethnic groups. It has also recognized that a political settlement and reconciliation among all ethnic groups is necessary for any chance of a peaceful and just society. The Sri Lankan government's inquiry, Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission, LLRC, was created as a primary mechanism for the reconciliation process as it investigates allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by both opposing forces during the civil war. The LLRC will not succeed, however, if it fails to gain the trust of the people for which it is trying to provide justice. Both Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have criticized the LLRC for failing to provide any accountability for atrocities that are alleged to have taken place. Further, the recently released United Nations' "Report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka" determined that the allegations are credible and recommends an independent international mechanism to investigate these allegations and provide accountability.

I have faith in the government of Sri Lanka to provide for the peaceful well-being of all its people. To achieve this noble goal, however, the Sri Lankan people must also have faith in their government and fellow citizens. Too many questions remain unanswered. Too many suspicions can reseed conflict. I appeal to the government of Sri Lanka to follow its commitments to addressing the needs of all ethnic groups and embrace the recommendations of the U.N. report. Only a trusted accountability mechanism will relieve the tensions of distrust hardened by war and lay a clean foundation for sustainable peace for Sri Lanka and all its people.

RECOGNIZING HOLY TRINITY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Holy Trinity Interparochial School of Westfield, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Holy Trinity Interparochial School is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend Sister Maureen Fichner, the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. Holy Trinity Interparochial School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, in September we observe National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Childhood Obesity, I rise to call attention to the increasing incidence of obesity among our Nation's youth and the need for comprehensive solutions to this growing epidemic.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one third of children and adolescents are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity has more than tripled since 1980. Overall, nearly 25 million children in the United States are overweight or obese. At the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic in Seattle, which serves mostly low-income and minority patients, nearly 40 percent of children treated are overweight or obese.

Obesity places our children at greater risk of developing heart disease, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and high levels of cholesterol, sleep apnea, joint problems, as well as social and psychological conditions such as depression and low self-esteem. Unless this trend is reversed, for the first time in history the current generation of children could have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

In addition to the many public health implications of childhood obesity, the financial consequences are just as alarming. The indirect costs of obesity have been estimated at \$56 billion per year and climbing. Children treated for obesity cost our health care system three times more than the care for children of healthy weight. There is also growing concern among our military leaders about the potential effects of rising childhood obesity rates on our Nation's military readiness and defense. Many young adults who wish to serve their country are unable to join the armed services because they cannot pass the minimum physical fitness standards required for entry.

Mr. Speaker, while the statistics are painful and the outlook appears dim, the good news is obesity is preventable and we can reverse the trends and defeat childhood obesity in America. During this month and throughout the year, I encourage all Americans to speak up about this problem, educate themselves, and explore ways they can make a difference in their own communities. It can be as simple as grabbing a friend or family member and going for a walk, hike, or bike ride; or working with local educators to introduce fresh, healthy meal options in our classrooms. Treatment alone isn't the answer and the task before us is not easy—there is no "quick fix" or magic diet pill—but if parents, schools, communities, health care providers, and government officials work together we can and will succeed in creating healthy environments and healthy lifestyles for our children.