

super intense winds that swirled and buffeted Mr. Allee, requiring that he take shelter behind nearby trees. Typically, spring flows over the waterfall are approximately 700 cubic feet per second; however, Mr. Allee witnessed a much more furious flow that day which was approximately twice the normal amount.

At first, Mr. Allee heard only the indistinguishable and powerful noise of intense winds, waterfall spray and heavy rain. Continuously, yet chaotically, huge bursts of water would plunge from the falls and flood the entire bridge deck. Because of this, the access trail and steps leading to the bridge were submerged in a foot of water at times as it poured onto the boulders below. The volume was described as the equivalent of five 4-foot diameter culverts disgorging their full contents simultaneously. Mr. Allee, who also works as a river guide and is a certified Swiftwater Rescue Technician, knew immediately that accessing the bridge was hazardous and that crossing it was extremely dangerous.

While radioing these conditions into park dispatch, Mr. Allee saw four (in actuality, there were five) backpackers access the bridge from the other side (east to west). Mr. Allee thought that they would recognize the severe hazard and stop; however, they did not and began an attempted crossing. Mr. Allee frantically signaled to the party to not cross. He gave multiple arm signals and shouts, but because of the intense noise, verbal communication was impossible. Despite Mr. Allee's warnings, the hikers continued to attempt a bridge crossing which set in motion the emergency.

Shocked and horrified, Mr. Allee witnessed as the first two backpackers were immediately knocked to their knees by the force of the current. He recognized the extreme threat, and in an attempt to rescue them as they would be swept downstream from the bridge, Mr. Allee jumped to position himself on a boulder just below the bridge in order to help anyone that might possibly be swept by. As Mr. Allee moved onto a large boulder immediately downstream of the bridge, the first hiker (Mr. Fox) was quickly pushed by the torrent underneath the lower rail and off of the bridge. It happened so rapidly that Mr. Allee didn't even realize that Mr. Fox had fatally disappeared into the flow. While accessing the bridge's upper handrail from the large downstream boulder, Mr. Allee saw the second backpacker (Mr. Meyer) get pushed underneath the lower rail and into the current. This time, however, Mr. Meyer was able to grab the lower handrail while his wife leaned over and held his head out of the swiftwater.

Mr. Allee leapt into action from the west side of the bridge and instinctively wrapped his legs and left arm around the top rail and extended his right arm to help Mr. Meyer. Mr. Allee looked directly into the eyes of Mr. Meyer who was clutching to the rail for his life. Exposed to full fury of the torrent, Mr. Allee screamed to Meyer's wife to "Get back!" While doing so, Mr. Allee reached down and tore Mr. Meyer's rain poncho off in order to decrease the drag on his body. Only reluctantly was Mr. Meyer's wife pulled to safety by one of the other party members. Reaching further into the violent flow and full force of the swiftwater, Mr. Allee was then able to disconnect the waistbuckle on Meyer's backpack, which was immediately swept away by the current. Having freed Mr. Meyer from that additional drag, Mr. Allee screamed to Mr. Meyer

to "Grab the truss!" Most unfortunately however, an exhausted Mr. Meyer was peeled from the lower rail and disappeared into the maelstrom below the bridge.

In shock, Mr. Allee retreated from the immense threat and returned to his pack to report the situation to the park dispatch. Subsequently, the three survivors retreated to a secure location on the east end of the bridge and awaited rescue.

With instinctive skill, tenacious strength and great courage, Mr. Allee heroically attempted to save the lives of others he did not know. The risk and threat in doing so was immense, yet Mr. Allee's actions exhibited tremendous bravery and valor. The survivors described Mr. Allee's actions as heroic.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Mark Allee on his quick thinking and risk of personal safety on June 29, 2011, in Yosemite National Park.

HONORING JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jersey Battered Women's Services, JBWS, located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 35th Anniversary.

JBWS was originally founded in 1976 by a small group of women who began a hotline to aid victims of domestic violence. The need for a confidential center became urgent and apparent when two callers were murdered by their husbands. In December of 1978, JBWS opened its shelter doors to those in need of a safe house away from an abusive family member.

With more than 75 paid staff and 120 volunteers, JBWS is a full-service, private, nonprofit domestic violence agency with a mission to prevent domestic violence through the protection and empowerment of the victim, the rehabilitation of family members, the advocacy of social reform to prevent partner violence and the education of the public about domestic violence and its consequences. Victims of domestic violence, no matter their age, race, gender, religious affiliation or ethnic background need solace and support at a time when the one they often turn to is the one they are running from.

JBWS provides fully confidential services to victims to allow for their privacy and protection. They offer numerous programs including legal services, transitional living and counseling. Their counseling services are not only for victims and their children, but also for the batterer. JBWS understands that while protecting victims is important, it is also important to educate the batterer on alternative ways to address their anger.

In addition to their 24 hour hotline and safe house, education for the prevention of domestic violence is JBWS's overarching mission. As domestic abuse is a largely unreported crime, JBWS hopes to abolish the view that family violence is a private matter through the education of victims, teens and community members.

No one should be afraid to go home. JBWS gives victims of domestic violence the opportunity to create a new safe place to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jersey Battered Women's Services, its board, dedicated staff and volunteers on its 35th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SLAVIC VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Slavic Village Development, SVD, an organization committed to "revitalizing the Broadway neighborhood through rehabilitation of existing housing, storefronts and buildings; construction of new homes; retention of existing buildings and recruitment of new ones; and provision of housing services and community organizing programs to improve the quality of life."

SVD is a non-profit community development organization dedicated to the North and South Broadway neighborhoods of Cleveland, OH. Throughout the past 30 years, SVD has invested more the \$160 million into Slavic Village, one of Cleveland's oldest ethnic communities.

This year's 30th anniversary celebration, "Digging in the Past, Growing the Future," focuses on the past accomplishments that SVD has achieved as well as the goals of the organization's future. Throughout the past 30 years, SVD has developed more than 300,000 square feet of new office and retail space, built or rehabilitated 1000 homes, renovated 100 storefronts, hosted 33 Harvest Festivals, led 14 neighborhood summits, installed eight public art projects and reconstructed Broadway and Bessemer Avenues, among other projects. Some of the projects SVD looks forward to in the future include building more new homes at the Trailside development site and, in Hyacinth, reconstructing Fleet Avenue and re-imagining Broadway Slavic Village.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary of SVD. SVD will continue to work on behalf of the residents of Cleveland's Slavic Village, dedicated to their mission; "To preserve, empower, and advance Slavic Village as a thriving diverse neighborhood. Essential to our neighborhood is its unique identity with quality housing anchored by excellent recreational, educational, cultural, religious, and institutional anchors supported by a vibrant retail, commercial, and industrial base."

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF THE UPPER PENINSULA HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, on the morning of September 22, the inaugural flight of the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight departed for Washington, DC. On this flight were more than 80 World War II Veterans bound for the memorial that was built in their honor. Surrounded by the giant, granite pillars and spraying fountains, there was a renewed sense of

shared sacrifice among the Veterans, and the honor of having been one of the 16 million men and women who served during World War II. This "Greatest Generation" is responsible for so much of America's prosperity, and on behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First District, I would like to recognize these heroes for their service, sacrifice, and continued patriotism. The motto of the Honor Flight Program reads "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." It was my pleasure to do so on September 22, 2011, and honor these heroes who are responsible for the greatest victory of the 20th Century.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China on its 100th Anniversary, which will take place on October 10th of this year.

I am proud to celebrate this tremendous milestone for Taiwan, not only because of the state's strong relationship with the United States, but as an example worldwide of the power of democracy to improve the quality of life for all citizens and create a healthy and diverse economy.

Indeed Taiwan was established to reflect the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a man who had a vision for a democratic Chinese state inspired by American ideals of freedom of expression, representative government, and an independent judiciary. The promotion of these ideals is never easy, and the promotion of democracy in Taiwan has been a long process to be sure, yet the principles established by Dr. Sun remain a hallmark of Taiwan today.

And just as Taiwan was an early Asian backer of democratic principles and ideals, the ROC government—on Taiwan since 1949—was also an early adapter and proponent of market reforms and economic liberalization that define the modern global economy. Taiwan has seen a meteoric rise ever since, is a force in the global technology sector, and the island's economy is one of the largest in Asia and in the top tier of the developed world.

I want to again congratulate Taiwan on this most auspicious anniversary, and I look forward to continuing the strong and deep relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Matthew Christopher Salazar 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, Matthew 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.

HONORING MAURICE SPIEGEL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize my constituent, Maurice Spiegel, who will turn 100 years old on October 27, 2011. Maurie, as he is known, is the son of Max Spiegel and Ida Kaplan, and has an older sister, Tillie, and five brothers, Lou, Irv, Frank, Hy, and Bill.

Growing up near Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street in the City of Chicago, Maurie encountered great difficulties as a young boy. His family struggled to make ends meet, and his mother had to raise the children on her own. To help his family, Maurie began selling newspapers, putting whatever he earned under his mother's pillow. When his family could no longer afford school supplies, Maurie dropped out of high school and started working in order to contribute even more.

According to his family, Maurie was very athletic as a child. He was well known for his skills in soft ball and hitting home runs. He was also a great swimmer, once saving a child from drowning. Living in a tough neighborhood, Maurie learned to defend himself and his younger brothers, though he always maintained that he never started a fight, just finished them! Today, Maurie is now known for his outstanding ability in the game of checkers.

During World War II, Maurie served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 and was stationed in Attu, which is the westernmost island of the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Maurie obtained his high school G.E.D. and took several college courses under the G.I. Bill after his military service. He worked various positions for the United States Postal Service in Chicago for 27 years until his retirement. Despite being retired, Maurie worked as a messenger for Continental Bank for another 15 years. Since high school, Maurie has worked full time until he was almost 80 years old.

Maurie married the love of his life, Lucille, and had one son, Harvey. Lucille and Maurie moved into North Park Village Apartments in 1984. Lucille passed away in 1987. Harvey says of his parents, "My dad was the most loyal and reliable husband to my mom. They were a couple who truly loved each other."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maurice "Maurie" Spiegel on his 100th birthday. His life is a wonderful testament of his immense love for his family and of his outstanding dedication and service to his community and the United States of America.

HONORING MR. NORMAN W. GREEN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the death of United States Army veteran Mr. Norman W. Green.

Mr. Green served in the Army during the Korean War with the 187th Air-borne Regimental Combat Team. He participated in the regimental parachute assault on Sukchon, North Korea, during the 1950 Battle of Pakchon. Mr. Green was later wounded and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Green was devoted to his local communities, first in Cleveland, OH, as a union painter and later in Dunkirk, NY, as a local business owner and entrepreneur.

Mr. Green was also a family man. He leaves behind a widow, Mrs. Ruth Gestwicki Green, two children, a daughter Nancy and a son Norman. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

It is with great pride that I rise today to remember Mr. Norman W. Green, a veteran of our Nation's armed forces and a proud member of this wonderful community.

FAIRFAX KIWANIS CLUB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Fairfax Kiwanis Club which will recognize the 65th Anniversary of the club on October 4th, 2011. A special ceremony will take place to honor the history and tradition of the Fairfax Kiwanis Club that has existed since 1946.

The Fairfax Kiwanis Club is involved with numerous service projects each year. When a community need arises, the Kiwanis club is ready to respond. Such was the case when the local library needed a sidewalk replaced. The club responded by raising \$25,000 for the project. The Fairfax Kiwanis club is very active with youth activities, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The club participates in international efforts in addition to their service in the local community.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement. Since its founding in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanis has grown to more than 8,400 clubs in 96 nations. There are about 606,600 active members in the Kiwanis family, representing nearly every culture on every continent, all seeking to improve people's lives. Kiwanians give their time to make their communities and world better places in which to live and work.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Fairfax Kiwanis Club. The Fairfax Kiwanis Club is a tremendous service organization that serves its community well.