

members and friends here in DeKalb County, Georgia, on December 16, 2010, at William Booth Towers; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lillie McGowan for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim December 16, 2010, as Ms. Lillie McGowan Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of December, 2010.

IN REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR OF
CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS ON
THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS 83RD
BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of one of our most esteemed colleagues, Congressman Tom Lantos, on the anniversary of his 83rd birthday on February 1, 2011.

In 1980, Tom was elected to the House of Representatives, the first and only Holocaust survivor to serve in the United States Congress. He was a staunch supporter of an enlightened foreign policy and human rights. Tom served as Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was a co-founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. The work he began and his legacy live on today through the great work of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice.

Three years ago, we lost a trusted colleague and very good friend. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of our honorable and esteemed friend. He humbly served the country in this chamber for more than 25 years. It has been three years since we lost Tom and he is greatly missed by his colleagues, friends, family and the countless lives his work has touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF MILDRED
HEMMONS-CARTER RECEIVING
HER PILOT'S LICENSE AS THE
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FE-
MALE PILOT IN ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special Alabamian today, Mrs. Mildred Hemmons-Carter.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was born in Benson, Alabama, on September 12, 1921. She began

her college career at Tuskegee Institute at the young age of 15 and graduated in 1941 with a degree in Business. Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was a work study student under Mr. G.L. Washington, who, along with Tuskegee Institute President Dr. Patterson, spearheaded the Civilian Pilot Training Program and received her pilot's license on February 1, 1941.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was the first African-American woman to receive her pilot's license in the State of Alabama.

She continued her interest in aviation, and has lived her dreams of flying through her husband, Ret. Col. Herbert E. Carter, an original Tuskegee Airman.

I am proud to honor the 70th anniversary of this important milestone and applaud Mildred Hemmons-Carter for her work in aviation as a trailblazer in Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK"
GRAMMIER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the United States has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make our country a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals, Richard "Rick" Grammier. Rick passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2011. He will be deeply missed.

Rick was the beloved son of Joseph and Elizabeth Grammier. After high school, Rick received his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1977. Rick was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and served with a field artillery unit as a Captain. Following his honorable discharge, Rick began working in Executive Management with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. He earned his Master's Degree in computer and electrical engineering from Cal Poly Pomona.

Rick joined JPL in 1989 and was the Director for Solar System Exploration. Previously, he had served as the Deputy Director for Solar System Exploration and he has contributed to numerous flight projects including as the Command and Data Subsystem Manager for Cassini, the Project Engineer and Deputy Project Manager for Stardust, the Project Manager for Deep Impact, and the Project Manager for Juno. Rick also managed the Laboratory's Office of Mission Assurance.

Rick was awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal for Cassini, as well as two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals for his accomplishments on Stardust and Deep Impact. JPL Director Charles Elachi believed that, "Rick brought great strength to the Executive Council in his leadership role overseeing the Laboratory's robotic missions to the planets and small bodies. This is a great personal loss for me and for the Laboratory."

Rick leaves behind his beloved wife, Laura, children, Daniel, Dave, Matthew, Jackson and Jessica, his stepmother, Jeaneal Grammier, and a special nephew, Chris Grammier.

Although I never had the privilege of meeting Rick, in reading about his life I have no doubt that he will always be remembered for

his incredible intelligence, work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work and family is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Rick's family, friends and co-workers; although Rick may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, I am not recorded because I was absent due to an injury. Had I been present the week of January 24th, I would have voted aye on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 23. I would have voted nay on rollcall Nos. 19, 24 and 25.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF ROBERT SARGENT
SHRIVER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Robert Sargent Shriver, founding Director of the Peace Corps and driving force behind the War on Poverty, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, just two days before the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of his brother-in-law, John F. Kennedy. Beloved by all who met him, Sargent Shriver embodied the greatness of his generation, devoting his 95 years to fighting for peace and against poverty.

The scion of a prominent Maryland family, Sargent Shriver received his bachelor's and law degrees from Yale before becoming a successful businessman, lawyer, and Newsweek editor. He met Eunice Kennedy and began managing the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, marrying Eunice in 1953. A savvy organizer and staunch civil rights advocate, Sargent Shriver quickly became both an indispensable part of the Kennedy family and an outstanding public servant in his own right. Kennedy called for service and sacrifice; Shriver answered and animated that clarion call.

A World War II Navy Lieutenant and Purple Heart recipient, Sargent Shriver understood service in his soul. When Kennedy created the Peace Corps in 1961, he handed Shriver the signing pen and the opportunity to direct a new force for peace and engagement with the world. Sargent Shriver undertook this effort with his typical energy and zeal, working tirelessly to bring a small measure of peace to the world, and a piece of the world to the thousands of young Americans who shouldered backpacks and the responsibilities of global citizenship. My son Paul was one of them, and his Peace Corps service in Nepal lit his life and continues to guide his vision and his values today.

"The Peace Corps door is open to all who are willing to enter," Shriver once said. "All they have to do is volunteer." Many who

walked through that door began a life dedicated to service, including a number of colleagues in Congress—Senator Christopher Dodd, Congressmen MIKE HONDA, SAM FARR, JOHN GARAMENDI, STEVE DRIEHAUS, and THOMAS PETRI. While critics scoffed that Sargent Shriver's fledgling organization wouldn't last five minutes, Shriver used his unparalleled organizational and motivational skills to shepherd and shape it for five years. As we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps next month, over 200,000 Americans will have dedicated themselves to the education, environmental protection, public health, and economic development of 139 countries around the globe.

As committed to progress at home as abroad, Sargent Shriver became the primary architect of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. As Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, he created much of the framework of our modern social safety net, including Head Start, VISTA, Job Corps, Upward Bound, and Legal Services. For a time, he continued to direct the Peace Corps even while waging the War on Poverty. Twelve-hour days and seven-day work weeks meant little to Shriver when it came to helping people. His biographer Scott Stossel writes that Shriver's colleagues believed he was always "expanding the Horizons of the Possible," in his own life and others.

Continuing his illustrious career, Shriver served with distinction as Ambassador to France. In 1972, he was the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, and he was a presidential candidate in 1976. In more recent years he aided his wife's work on the Special Olympics, and founded the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, the Shriver Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. For his lifetime of leadership and service, President Bill Clinton awarded Sargent Shriver the Presidential Medal of Freedom, joining Eunice who was a previous recipient. They became the only spouses to receive the award separately.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to extend our deepest sympathies to Sargent Shriver's family. He is survived by his five children, California's former First Lady, Maria Shriver; Robert Sargent Shriver III; The Honorable Mark Shriver; Timothy Perry Shriver; Anthony Paul Shriver; and 19 wonderful grandchildren.

Accepting the 1972 Vice Presidential nomination, Sargent Shriver invoked the words of the French Jesuit, Teilhard de Chardin:

One day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, after all the scientific and technological achievements, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

With Sargent Shriver's help, America glimpsed the glow from that fire, and in his absence we must strive to discover it once again. I'm honored to pay tribute to one of the most faith-filled, compassionate, humane and effective public servants of our time. The Sargent Shriver legacy is an unparalleled, timeless inspiration to our nation's citizens and citizens of the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR: TET, 2011: YEAR OF THE CAT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2011, Year of the Cat. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers to celebrate, I join them in honoring their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2011 also marks thirty-six years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2011: Year of the Cat. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR USAID

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Republican Study Commission's proposed cuts to the U.S. Agency for International Development. This proposal comes as USAID undergoes systemic reforms that will bolster American power, fortify our national security, and realize long-term savings. Budget slashing now cuts these reforms off at the knees and seriously jeopardizes our international security and standing.

USAID is transforming itself into a modern development enterprise. Like any good business enterprise, USAID has put a laser-sharp focus on delivering the highest possible value to its shareholders, the American taxpayers. Already, USAID has launched efforts to increase efficiency, dramatically reduce contracting, strengthen evaluation and oversight, and promote capacity development. Taken together, these complex initiatives will enable USAID to achieve better results faster at lower costs.

And lower costs mean that USAID can be a better steward of taxpayer dollars. As Defense Secretary Robert Gates said, "Development is

a lot cheaper than sending in soldiers." Truly, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. USAID civilian efforts do the essential front-end work to prevent violence in the first place by strengthening democratic governance, promoting rule of law, and supporting infrastructure growth to eliminate the root causes of conflict and develop peaceful, secure states. When countries are stable, the likelihood of extremist elements diminishes and vibrant economic markets and partnership for U.S. exports emerges. USAID is helping to create strong local capacity so that development assistance is no longer necessary. USAID is truly working itself out of a job. What could be more cost-effective than that?

Finally, international development is not a partisan issue. It is an American value that reflects our fundamental belief in progress and peace. When we invest in foreign assistance, we promote international stability and build strong allies. USAID has laid the foundation to become a more effective, efficient, transparent instrument of our national security apparatus and diplomacy toolbox. Now more than ever, USAID needs Congressional support to fully realize these reforms and restore American power abroad. I strongly urge my colleagues to reconsider this misguided proposal.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD J. SOLOVE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and achievements of Mr. Richard J. Solove.

I was proud to know Richard Solove for more than 25 years; and I was proud to call Dick my friend.

Richard J. Solove's name is well known in Central Ohio and in the health care community, but his incredible life story of generosity and compassion may not be as commonly known. The Ohio State University's renowned Comprehensive Cancer Center, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute that bears his name is where doctors perform groundbreaking research in the fight against cancer.

Richard Solove was inspired by his father's battle with cancer and later his sister's to help bring about a cure for cancer and provide cancer patients with the very best care. A pharmacist by training, Mr. Solove had a vision to help create a state-of-the-art cancer research and care facility at his alma mater, The Ohio State University. His donation of \$20 million, the largest private donation The Ohio State University Medical Center had ever received, is helping make his vision a reality.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, "Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center called Solove a hero for his passion, drive, tenacity, and vision . . ." while OSU President E. Gordon Gee said "Solove was among the university's most-generous alumni and that he created an 'enduring legacy' in working to find a cure for cancer."

His generosity didn't end with the one-time donation; he gave a total of \$27 million to the Medical Center. He served as the board chairman of the James Cancer Hospital's Research