

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elliott Farms LLC. Its agricultural contributions to the State of Colorado, as well as its valuable historical and cultural traditions, have helped make Colorado a leader in agricultural production.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF NICHOLAS
SENSLEY

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Police Chief Nicholas Sensley of Truckee, California.

Chief Sensley began his public service in law enforcement in 1987 as a police and fire dispatcher with the UCLA Police Department. Nicholas was promoted to Police Officer in 1988 after graduating from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy STARS Center, where he would begin serving as a Recruit Training Officer in 1990—one of the earliest returning instructors in the Academy's history. In May of 1991 he joined the Santa Rosa Police Department where he served in numerous assignments until ultimately departing in November 2008 as Patrol Lieutenant. In December of that year, Nicholas was appointed Chief of Police in Truckee, where he has served to this day.

Nicholas's service to the communities in which he has lived undoubtedly deserves the thanks and appreciation of his many constituents, but it is impossible to measure his contribution as a public servant if we limit the examination to California alone. Throughout his career, Chief Sensley has developed an expertise in mitigating the terrible plight of human trafficking that affects millions each year. He has worked as a consultant and developer in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the South Caribbean since 1998, playing an instrumental role in facilitating training, education and effective counter-human-trafficking initiatives globally. He has also been acknowledged as an international expert on significant community problem-solving by the US Department of Justice, the US Department of State, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, and by other international governments and organizations for his contributions.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a grateful heart that I rise today to thank Chief Nicholas Sensley for his many years of public service to the people of California. I wish him well as he retires from police work to accept a position to continue advancing human freedom with Humanity United in Washington, DC.

IMMACOLATA MANOR 30TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the outstanding achievement of Immacolata Manor in

Liberty, Missouri, for celebrating 30 years of providing habilitation services to persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Immacolata Manor's mission is to focus on the values and principles of community membership, self-determination, human rights, and basic needs, so that each individual will be supported and empowered to achieve their highest potential and to live their lives with dignity and respect.

The beautiful property on which Immacolata Manor is located is a former country estate, centering around a handsome colonial house that stands on 40 acres. Immacolata Manor opened in 1981 by several women who all had daughters with developmental disabilities. In recent years, they have been successful in raising funds to build five fully-accessible homes. They currently provide residential services to 31 adults.

Some of the residents are employed in local businesses. Those who are not employed are able to participate in the great My Day Program, conducted on the Manor campus. This community integration program includes individualized recreational and life skills activities designed to meet the needs of each participant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Immacolata Manor for their exceptional dedication to providing residential and habilitation services to persons with developmental disabilities. Immacolata Manor is a true community partner and Liberty landmark. I wish the agency 30 more years of greatness to come.

HONORING THE SOLO CUP
COMPANY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, seventy-five (75) years ago Leo J. Hulseman established the Paper Container Manufacturing Company in Chicago, Illinois and by the 1940s began manufacturing a paper cone cup known as the "Solo Cup" which provides unparalleled hygiene and convenience to consumers; and

Whereas, the "Solo Cup" was such an inspiration that the company itself was renamed Solo in the 1940s and become a brand that would become ubiquitous across America and the world; and

Whereas, Solo Cup, has grown to be a \$1.6 billion company and has demonstrated its concern for the environment by introducing many product lines relying on compostable and renewable sources; and

Whereas, Solo Cup is a recognized industry leader in the areas of sustainability and beautification receiving the 2010 Keep America Beautiful Corporate Leadership Award; and

Whereas, The Solo plant in Conyers, Georgia is a place where 400 of our citizens are employed and is an enthusiastic participant in Georgia's Work Ready Program and;

Whereas, The Solo Company has proven to be a great corporate citizen supporting community outreach and educational initiatives by working closely with public officials, the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council and the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and;

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solo Company, its management and employees for leadership and service to our district;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim September 13, 2011 as Solo Cup Company Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of September, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF HOMELESS
VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to be here today to join the local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they announce the launching of their Homeless Veterans Outreach Campaign.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, there are between 130,000–200,000 homeless veterans on any given night. That means that homeless veterans constitute nearly one-fourth to one-fifth of the total homeless population. There is an increasing number of female homeless veterans. Studies have demonstrated that women who served in the military are more likely than their non-serving counterparts to experience homelessness in their lifetime. It is clear that we must do more to prevent and address homelessness in the veteran's community.

Current members of our armed services have been asked to endure multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, increasing the likelihood that they will experience significant levels of stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The stresses of deployment and low-levels of social support when they return home are just some of the factors that can lead to homelessness. With high levels of unemployment, foreclosures, and continued economic hardship across the country and in the State of Ohio, it is harder than ever for returning veterans to reintegrate post-service.

That is why the outreach campaign by the VA to increase awareness of services available to veterans who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless is so important. Veterans need to know that they have the support they need when they return from a tour abroad.

Homelessness can be ended. It can be ended by ensuring that there are decent jobs that provide a living wage, access to health care and affordable housing and adequate support for those who can no longer work.

I am committed to ensuring that the VA has the resources it needs to provide returning veterans with the care they need and to expand their services to eradicate homelessness among veterans.

HONORING ANDREW VERNON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Vernon of Versailles, Missouri, on his 80th birthday.

Andrew is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, entering the service in 1952 and retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1973. During that time, Andrew served in Germany and in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his meritorious service, along with other decorations. After his service, Andrew returned to Missouri with his wife of 61 years, Inis, and two daughters, where he worked as a real estate agent and continued in service to his community and peers.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in wishing Andrew Vernon a happy 80th birthday and in thanking him for his service to our country.

HONORING THE BETHEL AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, located in the Town of Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 168th Anniversary.

Bethel African American Episcopal Church was the first African American Church in Morris County. Originally a blacksmith shop, Bethel was built and founded in 1849. The Church has thrived throughout its many decades of service to the community and will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Bethel prides itself on enriching the Morris County community by offering spiritual and social development for all people, regardless of race. Led by Pastor Sidney Williams, the Church not only offers regular religious services but also offers, through numerous different programs, help to the needy and impoverished within the community. As part of their anniversary celebration, Bethel will officially introduce their Spring Street Community Development Corporation whose primary purpose is to help those in need. This program, according to the Church, "is chartered to improve the quality of life for Morris County residents by addressing economic, educational, and social needs while preserving the cultural and ethnic diversity of the Morris area."

The Bethel African American Episcopal Church is truly a place where anyone is welcome to find God and find a community of caring, friendly faces. We are proud to have them here in Morris County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bethel African Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 168th Anniversary.

HONORING SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Salem Lutheran Church of Salisbury, Missouri, as they celebrate their sesquicentennial anniversary.

Salem Lutheran has maintained a strong presence in their community since the church was founded in 1861 by German and Scandinavian immigrants. Organized as a typical country church, Salem Lutheran has stood the test of time from the Civil War and Reconstruction, through the 20th Century and now into modern times, continuing to minister and remain a pillar of the region.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Salem Lutheran Church of Salisbury, Missouri for their 150 years of service to the Salisbury community.

HONORING THE 375TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE TOWN OF
SCITUATE**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Town of Scituate in Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

In 1627, courageous settlers from Plymouth Colony moved up the shoreline of Cape Cod Bay, establishing a village whose main thoroughfare, Kent Street, still survives today. Increases in population allowed for the village to incorporate in 1636, and the founders chose a name derived from the indigenous Wampanoag tribe's word for cold brook, satuit, to reflect the brook that ran to the inner harbor of the village. That brook and the town of Scituate continue to thrive 375 years later.

Like most towns along Massachusetts' cultural South Shore, Scituate's rich history is intimately tied to the sea. Fishing and sea mossaing have long provided an economic backbone for the town, which is also home to the famed Old Scituate Light. It is there that the American Army of Two, the young sisters Abigail and Rebecca Bates, deterred an approaching British ship during the War of 1812, thus saving the town from being ransacked by the enemy soldiers.

The Bates sisters are not Scituate's only famous residents. It is also home to William Cushing, one of the original six justices on the United States Supreme Court and Jim Lonborg, a Boston Red Sox pitcher distinguished with the Cy Young Award, among others. From its founding days, the residents of Scituate have always distinguished themselves as determined and inventive.

Today, the town is known as much for its maritime industry as it is for its majestic beaches and beautiful seascapes. It also remains a birthplace of innovation with new clean energy projects such as Solarize Scituate and the Oceans Campus Center. Over the past 375 years, Scituate has cele-

brated its unique history while continuing to evolve and progress. I am certain that the town will continue to do this for centuries to come. Happy 375th Birthday, Scituate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2011, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 771 through 779.

Had I been present for rollcall 771, agreeing to H. Res. 425, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences; H.R. 3078, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; H.R. 3079, the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; H.R. 3080, the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, I would have voted "No."

Had I been present for rollcall 772, agreeing to the Waxman of California Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 773, agreeing to the Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 18 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 774, agreeing to the Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 775, agreeing to the Edwards of Maryland Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 776, agreeing to the Schakowsky of Illinois Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 777, agreeing to the Ellison of Minnesota Amendment No. 12 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 778, agreeing to the Welch of Vermont Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 779, agreeing to the Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

10 YEARS OF WAR IN
AFGHANISTAN: AT WHAT COST?**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, no one will forget the fateful day of 9/11 or those who lost their lives in those shocking, cold-blooded attacks. The bombing of Afghanistan and the subsequent invasion was our response, intended to catch those who hid, armed, and helped plan the attacks on U.S. soil. And, due to the diligence and tireless efforts of the members of our Armed Forces and Intelligence community, we have eliminated nearly all the people involved in the 9/11 attacks, including Osama