

such testing will not result in discrimination against a woman. I fought for 13 years to pass the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA) so that anyone could choose to find out their genetic disposition for illness, without fear of discrimination. Since GINA became law, no health insurer can raise an individual's rates and no employer can make hiring or firing decisions based on genetic information.

Unfortunately, even though a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes in the United States, screening rates for this dangerous disease are declining. A recent study found that out of 1.5 million women over the age of 40 with health insurance, less than half had received the recommended annual screening.

As we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's important that all women know that affordable screening options are available.

Screening tests can find breast cancer early, when it is most treatable. They are the best way to lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. The 5-year survival rate for breast cancer caught early is 98 percent, compared to 23 percent when it is not.

I encourage women to take care of themselves in every possible way, and to make a renewed commitment to following the recommended screening guidelines for breast cancer. Together, we can take the important steps necessary to win the fight against breast cancer.

REMEMBERING DAN WHELDON

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 16, race fans everywhere mourned the tragic loss of Dan Wheldon from injuries suffered at the Las Vegas Indy 300.

Though he was only 33 years old, Wheldon was highly-accomplished within the Indy Racing League.

In 2003, Wheldon received the Indy Racing League's prestigious Rookie of the Year Award, which he followed up by winning the Indianapolis 500 in 2005 and 2011.

Dan Wheldon was an incredible ambassador for the sport and the Indianapolis 500, the largest sporting event in the world, which is located in my District at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His loss will be felt on and off the track.

My deepest sympathies go to his wife, Susie, his two sons, Sebastian and Oliver, his family, his friends, and to the legion of fans around the world who are mourning his passing. Dan Wheldon's memory will remain in the hearts of race fans everywhere, and his achievements will never be forgotten at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

HONORING SCCOG FOR 50 YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR SOUTH- EASTERN CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) for providing 50 years of intergovernmental service to the people of Southeastern Connecticut.

SCCOG's origins date back to 1961, with the founding of Southeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (SCRPA) as one of the one of the first regional planning agencies in Connecticut at the time. The agency transitioned to SCCOG in 1993, and today serves 20 member municipalities and counts as non-voting affiliate members two federally recognized Native American Tribes, and has liaisons from the United States Naval Submarine Base and the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Under the leadership of James Butler, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments ensures the various governments participating in the group have a platform for co-operation and organization on a diverse array of issues. They act as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, budgeting for and implementing essential and transformative transportation projects. SCCOG has played a vital role in many of the region's top infrastructure priorities and support for Naval Submarine Base New London.

By providing services to over 240,000 people, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has established itself as the second largest regional planning organization in Connecticut. For 50 years, the group has been influential in the planning of countless housing, technical, economic development, and emergency management projects in the SE CT region.

Having worked with SCCOG closely on a number of regional priorities, I know firsthand the tremendous value it provides to decision makers, local communities and the vitality of this unique part of our state. With the challenges before our state and the region, coordination through groups like the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments serves as the backbone of strong communities across the nation. By combining strong planning foresight with a commitment to inclusion, SCCOG has contributed to building Southeastern Connecticut into a unified, burgeoning region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring SCCOG for 50 years of service to southeastern Connecticut.

HONORING MR. THOMAS C. GAGEN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas C. Gagen for his work and contributions towards improving the accessibility and affordability of health care to those living in the Sacramento region. For over a decade, Tom has served as the Chief Execu-

tive Officer of the Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento (SMCS) and during that time he has been an outstanding civic leader. As Tom retires, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service and leadership in our community.

After graduating from Purdue University, Tom went to Cleveland State University to receive his Masters in Business Administration. Before coming to Sacramento in 2000, Tom was a leader at a number of health care facilities, including the Carondelet Health Network in Tucson and then Scripps Health in San Diego, where he served as Senior Vice President. Throughout Tom's decade long tenure, he helped Sutter General Hospital and Sutter Memorial Hospital grow into one of Sacramento's largest not-for-profit organizations. During Tom's career leading SMCS, it was twice named as one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation and it received the Sutter Health's President's Award for patient satisfaction. Tom played a key role in improving care at SMCS and across the Sutter Health system as a key member of Sutter's Blue Ribbon Team on Quality.

Under Tom's vision SMCS has shown incredible support of the community, donating over \$20 million to dozens of local non-profit organizations. Tom served as the first chairman of Sacramento's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and has always worked to bring social services to the neediest. For his work with the homeless, Tom was the recipient of Cottage Housing's 2011 Beacon of Hope Award. Tom was also named the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce's 2008 Businessman of the Year, in part for his involvement with the Sutter's "Triage, Transport and Treatment" program, which addresses the needs of frequent emergency room visits by the uninsured.

Since being elected to Congress, I have come to know Tom as an incredibly intelligent and forward thinking leader. He cares deeply about improving the quality and access to health care in the Sacramento region and he cares just as much about our community. As he retires, Tom leaves a true legacy of accomplishments that will be felt in Sacramento for generations.

Mr. Speaker, as Tom, his wife Pat and their friends gather to celebrate his retirement, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service. Tom has contributed an immense amount to making Sacramento a better place to live, work and raise a family.

IN RECOGNITION OF GINA BARTLOW ON BEING NAMED ANCOR'S 2011 DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Gina Bartlow on being named ANCOR's 2011 Direct Support Professional of the Year. It is truly a prestigious honor to be considered as the best in your field and this recognition demonstrates Gina's compassion and commitment, as well as all the hard work she does for those with disabilities.

Throughout her twenty five years of working on behalf of those with disabilities, Gina has not only become a trusted and valued employee by her supervisors, but a mentor to her coworkers and a friend to the people she serves. While her path started at home with her son Steven, it quickly extended to others in the community who were lacking the help and support they needed to thrive in their everyday lives. The spirit and generosity she brings to her work is admirable and sets a fine example to others who dedicate their lives to advancing that same spirit of kindness.

I congratulate Gina for receiving this award and for her outstanding commitment and leadership on behalf of those with disabilities. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ADELE K. SCHAEFFER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adele K. Schaeffer on the occasion of being honored with The Wistar Award for her compassion, integrity, generosity, commitment and vision in service to The Wistar Institute and the community at large.

Because of her selfless dedication of time and energy to a myriad of boards and committees, Adele Schaeffer has been called the consummate civic leader. She has been an active Trustee of The Wistar Institute Board for more than 20 years, currently serving as Chair of the Development Committee and as a member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Adele served as Chair of the first Wistar Gala in 1994 and has continued in this role for each Wistar Gala since. She has helped raise over \$1 million for Wistar's life-saving research.

In addition to her commitment to The Wistar Institute, Adele is also a Trustee of the Moore College of Art and Design, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and a Trustee Emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a current member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, serves on the Orchestra's Academy of Music Committee, and is past-President and current board member of the National Liberty Museum.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of service to The Wistar Institute and a litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Adele K. Schaeffer on the occasion of her being honored with The Wistar Award.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest condolences to the people of Turkey who are suffering in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck on Sunday, October 23, 2011.

A deadly 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the eastern region of Turkey on Sunday, 12

miles from the city of Van and the town of Erzurum. Aftershocks have continued to impact the region, making initial assessments and relief efforts difficult.

Over 1000 buildings have sustained damage throughout the region, including homes, businesses, hospitals, cultural institutions, and schools. With a death toll in the hundreds and growing, and more than one thousand people injured, rescue workers continue to work diligently to find survivors.

In the face of such destruction there has been tremendous bravery, and I applaud the rescue workers who are risking their own safety to ensure that every survivor is found. There are currently 2,400 rescue workers involved in the efforts along with 680 medics, 12 rescue dogs and 108 ambulances, according to reports. Aid workers have congregated in the region to provide much needed food, shelter, and medical attention.

My thoughts and prayers are with those touched by Sunday's devastation, especially those who have lost family members and friends. Our hearts and minds must also be with Turkish Americans who are currently attempting to reach out to people in the region. Homes and churches can be rebuilt, but we can never replace loved ones.

The strength and resilience of the Turkish people is evident, and I know that in the wake of this great tragedy they will recover and rebuild.

Mr. Speaker, the United States must stand with Turkey during this challenging time, as we extend our deepest sympathies to those affected by the earthquake.

CONGRATULATING OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S "SCRIPT OHIO" ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ohio State University's "Script Ohio" on its 75th anniversary. Script Ohio is a band formation tradition that has played a major role in football game days at Ohio State throughout the years.

In October of 1936, the OSU Marching Band marched into its first Script Ohio, a formation where the cursive word "Ohio" is spelled out by the members of the band, with the letter "I" dotted by the sousaphone player. The inspiration for this famous band formation came from the band director at the time, Eugene Weigel, and band member, Ted Boehm. 75 years after its first OSU appearance, the tradition continues to be an important part of every home football game.

As graduate of the Ohio State University, I take great pride in the traditions of my alma mater. Ohio State Football is definitely one of those traditions—and Script Ohio is certainly part of that tradition. Football games would not be the same without Script Ohio, and I offer my congratulations on its 75 years. I look forward to seeing Script Ohio march in the Horseshoe for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING DALLAS AREA BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four magnet schools in my district of Dallas, Texas which have been identified as Blue Ribbon schools. These four Dallas Independent School District, ISD, schools are the Environmental Science Academy, the School of Science and Engineering Magnet High School, the Rosie M. Collins Sorrells School of Education and the Social Services Magnet High School and Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School.

Being identified as a Blue Ribbon school means you are one of the best in the Country and I am proud four of these gems are located within my Congressional District. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices.

Mr. Speaker, the students in each of these four schools are our best and our brightest, and with encouragement and support from their principals and teachers, these students are achieving remarkable success. Because of the high quality education the students in the Dallas Independent School District and other schools like it are receiving, they can have the opportunity to live the American dream—to do anything they want to do, to go on to a great college or university of their choice, and to pursue any career path that sparks their interest.

Mr. Speaker, these schools help us out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build the rest of the world. We must identify ways to help improve schools like these that provide educational excellence to my community. We must not waver in our commitment to our children, their children, and the future of this country.

WELCOMING AND HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2011 NEWTON FREEDOM FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over 160 Iowa veterans from the World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Wars will travel to our nation's capital to visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation. For many of these veterans, today will be the first time they will visit the capital and the first time that they will see their monuments.

On Sunday, they were given a warm send-off by their neighbors and friends from Newton and throughout Jasper County. More than 800 Iowans gathered to give them the recognition they deserve but, for far too many of these heroes, was never received. When they arrive in