

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

Washington today, I can think of no greater honor than to be able to greet them and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes for their service to our country.

The Freedom Flight brings together three generations of veterans who will travel together and support one another throughout their trip. It also brings together veterans who were never given the homecoming they deserved. This trip, made possible by generous donations from Iowans, many of whom the veterans will never meet in person, demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. The veterans will be able to visit their monuments today because their fellow Iowans refused to let their service go unrecognized. That generosity is truly humbling and should inspire us all to continue to work each and every day on behalf of those who serve our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Newton Freedom Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 802 I was not present to vote because I was participating in a public meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the historic flooding that we have experienced along the Missouri River this year. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Trappe Fire Company on its 100th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to its community.

This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to help honor the men and women of the Trappe Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 100 years, the officers, firefighters, fire police and ambulance corps of Trappe Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of Montgomery County, including Trappe and Collegeville Boroughs and the Townships of Upper Providence, Perkiomen, Skippack, and Limerick. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Trappe Fire Company on its 100th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to its community.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER OF LA GRANGE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Women's Care Center of La Grange in my home district. The Women's Care Center is a life-affirming crisis pregnancy center, providing non-judgmental guidance and support to women who unexpectedly find themselves with a child.

The Women's Care Center of La Grange is affiliated with International Life Services, a non-profit organization that safeguards the dignity of human life while supporting women in their moment of need. Chicagoland women now have the option to seek refuge at the Women's Care Center and receive accurate information and confidential counseling in a comforting environment. Besides offering emotional support, the Women's Care Center provides free and affordable health care for new and expecting mothers. Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and pre-natal care are offered, as well as medical referrals. After the child is born, the center continues to aid the family. Support is available in the form of baby clothes, diapers, baby furniture, and food assistance. Every mother deserves access to quality medical care, and I am pleased that this facility prioritizes the health of the mother and the child.

I am proud to have this charitable organization in my district and I look forward to its positive impact. I am certain that this new facility will be a gift to the community. Please join me in celebrating the Women's Care Center of La Grange as they pursue their life-affirming mission of improving the health and wellbeing of local women and children.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DON L. RIDING

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Riding in the event of his retirement after 39 dedicated years of service with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Mr. Riding was appointed to the Officer in Charge position at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Fresno in September 2003. Prior to this, he had served as Officer in Charge of the Fresno INS Suboffice since May 1984. In his previous capacity, he supervised the enforcement and benefits function of the INS in Central California. These operations included the processing of applications for benefits such as permanent residents and naturalization, investigation of criminal and administrative violations, as well as the detention and removal of violators of immigration laws.

Mr. Riding began his career with INS in 1972 as an Immigration Inspector in El Paso, Texas. He transferred to Baltimore, Maryland in 1975 as a Criminal Investigator. In 1980, he was promoted to the position of Course Developer and Instructor at the Immigration Officer

Academy in Glynnco, Georgia with a focus on Examinations. In 1982, Mr. Riding was promoted to the position of Port Director of Laredo, Texas. This job supervised the inspection of persons entering the United States at one of the largest land border ports of entry. He held this position until he was transferred to Fresno as Officer in Charge in 1984.

Prior to beginning his career with INS, Mr. Riding spent two years in the United States Army and two years on a church mission trip to Brazil. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Brigham Young University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in law enforcement in 1972. He is married to Donna Bright of Baltimore and has five children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Don Riding for his years of dedication to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

REMEMBERING GORDON ST. ANGELO

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the passing of Gordon St. Angelo, a prominent Hoosier and community activist.

Mr. St. Angelo was born and raised in Huntingburg, Indiana, where he operated a clothing store. He is most known, however, for his involvement in the community. Mr. St. Angelo helped create a foundation with Milton and Rose Friedman to promote and establish educational choice in America. He also served for 25 years as the senior program officer of community development at the Lilly Endowment.

Gordon St. Angelo's other community involvements included serving as chairman of the board for The Indianapolis Star's Jefferson Awards and for the Indianapolis Civic Theatre, was a board member and vice president of the Indianapolis Airport Authority from 1983 to 1999, and served on the boards of numerous community organizations and colleges.

Many Hoosiers also remember Gordon St. Angelo for his political involvement in Indiana and on the national stage. He began his career with the Democratic Party, and was instrumental in the successful election campaigns of Governor Roger Branigin, U.S. Senators Birch Bayh and Vance Harke, as well as many other candidates. In 1964, he was elected chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, a position he held for ten years. He also became the Democratic Party's deputy national chairman in 1968 and helped manage Hubert Humphrey's presidential bid.

Mr. St. Angelo was known for his ability to relate to many different kinds of people, and perhaps surprisingly, migrated to the Republican Party a little more than a decade after his involvement in Humphrey's democratic presidential bid. He served as chairman of the Indiana Republican Party from 1981 to 1989, and is remembered as an honorable man who could be friends with his opponents and worked to get the best candidate in office.

A committed family man, Gordon St. Angelo was married for 53 years to his beloved wife,