

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo was founded in 1894 by Miss Charlotte Mulligan and other graduates of the Buffalo Seminary to promote cultural pursuits; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo is considered to be among the oldest clubs for women in the United States; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo played an important role during the Pan American Exposition and serves as an important reminder of the City of Buffalo's outstanding architectural history; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo remains a vital and forward thinking club which is consistent with the sophisticated elegance that has defined the club for over a century; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo has been designated a National Historic Landmark as a result of the support, energy and steadfast commitment of its members; be it further

Resolved; That we pause in our deliberations to honor the Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo on their designation as a National Historic Landmark and their service to the Western New York Community.

CONGRATULATING TOM TEMPLE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate my good friend Tom Temple on his upcoming retirement from the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Tom has served in his current role at the Iowa Pharmacy Association since 1980, and has become a friend and adviser to me.

Tom has dedicated his life to medicine, and has been a leader on pharmaceutical issues across the state of Iowa. He has served as CEO of the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation and the Collaborative Education Institute. He has assisted numerous professional organizations including the American Pharmacists Association, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the American Society of Association Executives.

Tom has also been active in the higher education community, advising universities on current issues affecting the pharmaceutical industry. He served on the Advisory Committees for Drake University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

Tom has been a tremendous advocate for Iowa pharmacists. When I was traveling in Afghanistan earlier this year, and came across a tiny pharmacy in a village there, my first thought was, "wouldn't Tom Temple get a kick out of this?"

Tom will be missed very much by his colleagues and peers in the coming years, but his influence and leadership will never be forgotten. I congratulate him on all of his success and wish him a rewarding and relaxing future.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, as we honor National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I rise to call upon my colleagues to join me in stressing the importance of getting regular mammograms. Regular mammograms are crucial for early detection of this terrible disease. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the better chance there is of winning the fight against breast cancer.

Every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, making this the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. While traditionally thought of as an older woman's disease, breast cancer is found in women of all ages. The likelihood of diagnosis increases with age, but breast cancer is today being found more and more frequently among women in their 20s and 30s.

Today, the two and a half million breast cancer survivors living in the United States are a testament to the courage and perseverance of the Americans who have faced this condition. These survivors are also living reminders about the importance of breast cancer awareness, following recommended screening guidelines, ensuring that those affected receive treatment, and continuing to fund groundbreaking and innovative research.

Breast cancer does not discriminate; this deadly disease affects everyone regardless of age, wealth, or status. I stand in support of all of those who have been affected by breast cancer and encourage all available steps be taken to detect early and defeat this disease.

RECOGNIZING SHARON F. DELZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF ESTELLINE, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School of Estelline, South Dakota for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This year the Department of Education named 305 schools Blue Ribbon Schools, Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School was one of them. I would like to congratulate Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School for its academic achievements. This school reflects the attributes all American education institutions strive for: academic improvement and tangible results. These successes will give students the ability to further their education and open doors to future opportunities. The commitment of students and staff to quality education and a high level of performance is commendable.

Again, congratulations to Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School for being named a Blue Ribbon School.

A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR LESTER CHARLES SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Pastor Lester Charles Smith for his leadership in guiding the New Jerusalem Holy Church towards participating in a community of building God's Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Pastor Smith has a proven track record of accomplishments and over the years has led his congregation through the integrity of his heart. While his ministry has often been tested, Pastor Smith has stayed his God given course and kept the mandate of his divine assignment. With such leadership, the New Jerusalem Holy Church has its principles firmly rooted in the belief that we must appropriate the great salvation of God through commitment and excellence.

Pastor Smith understands that our personal lives, family lives, and church lives should always be a reflection of the stability we have with God. He has built an organization that strives everyday to spread the word of God while demonstrating excellence in all that they do. As is preached by Pastor Smith the congregation is called to demonstrate, to a world in search of truth, the wisdom rooted objective in submission to their Heavenly Father.

Pastor Smith has transformed the mission of the church and has pushed for many programs to be implemented under his leadership. Pastor Smith has partnered with the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force and Feed the Children at New Jerusalem to provide food for the community throughout the holidays. Along with the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, Pastor Smith has offered advice and techniques for childcare, development and health news for parents.

Pastor Smith is expanding his vision to include the establishment of a Community Development Corporation which will provide an ongoing GED program, an after school program for youth, and a job training program. Currently Pastor Smith is training to become a certified chaplain with the New York State Chaplain Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Pastor Lester Charles Smith for his leadership at the New Jerusalem Holy Church and the unrelenting hope he has for his congregation, community and fellow man.

HONORING MARY FRANCES BLEY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM CRS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime Arlington, Virginia resident, Mary Frances Bley, who will retire from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) on October 31st. During her 28 years of service with CRS, Ms. Bley distinguished herself by passionately and diligently working to ensure that congressional needs for research were responded to promptly and with the best information and analysis available.

A native of Washington state, Ms. Bley joined CRS in 1984 as a temporary employee in the Inquiry Section where she directed congressional requesters to the CRS employees best suited to respond to their particular needs. She quickly moved from a temporary to a permanent position, and soon afterward to a leadership position within the section.

During her time in the Inquiry Section, Ms. Bley returned to graduate school part-time and in 1987, she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science (MLS) from The Catholic University of America. After obtaining her MLS, she moved to a librarian position in the Congressional Reference Division within CRS, where she responded directly to congressional requests.

Ms. Bley's special aptitude for serving Congress was evident in her work as a librarian. In 1993, she was invited by CRS leadership to participate in a detail to the new Congressional Services Team in the Office of the Librarian of Congress. In this position, she worked to further the mission of the team to study and enhance the Library's understanding of and responsiveness to congressional needs, and congressional understanding of the Library's mission and potential.

In the mid-1990s, Ms. Bley was frequently at the forefront of the transition at CRS from a world dominated by print research materials to a digital research world. Her early efforts were mostly visible only to her CRS colleagues as she worked on efforts to digitize reference materials and facilitate access to on-line federal data sources.

Ms. Bley specialized in appropriations and budget issues, and made significant enhancements to the appropriations and budget information available through the CRS website. The culminating accomplishment of Ms. Bley's work was the extremely popular Appropriations Status Table. This tool, updated daily, allows CRS colleagues and Congress to access extensive and timely information on current and historical appropriations activities through one convenient resource.

Throughout her career, CRS leadership recognized Ms. Bley's work for Congress with numerous awards, including individual and group Special Achievement Awards and a Meritorious Service Award. Ms. Bley's efforts as a team member were lauded in one award as the "glue" that held the CRS Appropriations Team together. In another, Ms. Bley's work was praised as being "distinguished by creativity, independent initiative, thoroughness, timeliness, and a service orientation that resulted in detailed responses and products of the highest quality."

During her tenure, Ms. Bley won the respect and admiration of her colleagues and those she served in Congress. She will be remembered for her poise; her sense of perspective; her thoughtful analysis; her ability to identify and implement practical solutions to complex problems; her wit, humor, and energy; and her excitement in learning from and collaborating with colleagues. Her vision and leadership will continue to benefit CRS and Congress long after her retirement on October 31, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Bley upon her retirement from CRS. She epitomizes the dedication and excellence that make CRS the envy of legislatures around the world.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR STATION LEMOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Naval Air Station Lemoore (NASL) and the Century Anniversary of United States Naval Aviation. The NASL has been home to many historical milestones and an asset in providing safety and security for the people of the San Joaquin Valley, California, the Western Front and our great nation.

On July 8, 1961, NASL was commissioned and began its operation under the command of Captain Howard M. Avery. At the time, the commissioning ceremony included over 110,000 people and the military asset was worth \$100 million. Over its 50 year history, the base has seen its fair share of challenges to maintain the support of the Western Front. Initially a small 1,460-acre Army Airfield, the base has grown to a 31,000-acre state of the art facility that provides housing to its residents.

NAS Lemoore has been a pioneer in firsts. The first flag ceremony was held in front of the administration building in September 1960; the first 800 Capeheart units were built in 1961; and the first night landing with Commander Vernon Binion and Lieutenant Commander Thomas Dreis in October 1960 on the 13,500 foot runway. Perhaps a less mentioned piece of history in the Navy is the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVE). The first WAVE officer was a woman from Honolulu in February 1961, Lieutenant Junior Grade Sue Ann Rice; long way from home taking a chance to serve her country and found her way to our community of Lemoore.

Naval air stations are an integral part of the United States Military. As of 2010, our nation boasted 19 naval air stations with a concentration in California and Florida. In a world of post September 11 vigilance, these stations provide the Navy with a stationary base of operations for aircraft-related testing and training. Since 1998, the principal mission of NASL is to support Strike-Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet and its mission to train, man, and equip West Coast Strike-Fighter squadrons. Throughout its history, the United States has seen many wars, presidents and difficult times. Nonetheless, its armed men and women have consistently been there to protect us.

Today we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Naval Air Station Lemoore and the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation. This anniversary is not only a great tribute to this important military base, but also an excellent time to thank our men and women in uniform who continue to protect the people of our great country every day. I ask my colleagues to recognize today the protectors of freedom, the sentinels of our shores and the falcons of our skies, the brave soldiers of the United States Navy.

ON RECOGNIZING PRAVINA RAMANATHAN FOR HER WORK TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN'S ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Pravina Ramanathan, for her work with the State of Michigan over the last fifteen years to protect the civil rights of its diverse residents.

As a Civil Rights Enforcer and the Asian American Liaison to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR), Pravina makes it her daily mission to protect the safety and well-being of Michigan residents and serves as an advocate for the needs of my state's Asian American communities. In her role as a Civil Rights Enforcer, Pravina devotes her energy to assessing many of the civil rights complaints which come before her office and works with victims, witnesses and other professionals to ensure that victims of discrimination are protected. Expounding further upon that work, Pravina uses her role as the Asian American Liaison to the MDCR to design and implement programs that build connections and understanding between Michigan's diverse ethnic communities. Specifically, Pravina has instructed Michigan state employees on how to exercise cultural competency, organized panels to help Asian ethnic communities better understand their rights and directly assisted victims of hate crimes and discrimination.

In recognition of her outstanding work as a civil rights advocate and protector, Pravina has been honored with numerous awards by local ethnic communities. In 1988 she was first honored as a Gold Medalist in Hindu law by Bangalore University as she graduated with a Bachelor of Law in Advocacy. In 2002, the Association of Kannada Kootas of America honored Pravina for her work to protect the civil rights of Asian Americans. She received a similar recognition from the Michigan Konkani Association in 2003 for her with the State's Indian American communities. And just earlier this month, Pravina was recognized by her own Sikh community in Michigan for her advocacy work on its behalf.

Mr. Speaker, everyday civil rights advocates, like Pravina Ramanathan, are making it their mission to ensure that our country continues to be a land of tolerance where we draw strength from our diversity. Pravina's civil rights work has earned her the praise of many organizations in Michigan and I know she will continue to be successful as she works to strengthen cross-cultural dialogues and enhance protections for victims of discrimination.