

agency receives no taxpayer funding, it employs 260 individuals as it fulfills its important mission.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the New York University School of Law, Mr. Bing served as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Van Sickle, and authored an award-winning legal article on protecting mentally retarded defendants from the death penalty. Prior to his election to office, he was an accomplished attorney in private practice in Manhattan. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, he was named New York Coordinator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency/American Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services program, where he oversaw more than 250 attorneys providing free, comprehensive legal assistance to those affected by the attacks. Mr. Bing is a proud resident of Manhattan's Turtle Bay neighborhood where he lives with his wife, Meredith Ballew, an executive at the Vanderbilt YMCA in Turtle Bay, and their daughter, Charlotte.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Jonathan Bing, an extraordinarily distinguished and effective public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Friday, October 14, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

(1) Yea on rollcall 794, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Waxman of California Amendment

(2) Yea on rollcall 795, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(3) Yea on rollcall 796, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(4) Yea on rollcall 797, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Rush of Illinois Amendment

(5) Yea on rollcall 798, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment

(6) Yea on rollcall 799, On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

(7) Nay on rollcall 800, On Passage, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPIRE COLLEGE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Empire College in Santa Rosa, California. Founded in 1961 to serve the secretarial and bookkeeping needs of the local business community, Empire College has grown into an important contributor to professional education in the North Bay, and an asset in Sonoma County's development into a prosperous and economically diverse region.

Empire College was founded first as a business school, training staff to meet ongoing shortages in skilled office professionals. Founder Henry Trione, the Santa Rosa businessman and philanthropist, envisioned a college providing practical learning for the greater benefit of the local community. Since then, Empire College has expanded into new areas as the needs of our region have diversified. It now has programs in accounting, information technology, tourism and hospitality, and office administration. It also offers the North Bay's first and only law program leading to a Juris Doctor, which is responsible for almost a quarter of the members of the Sonoma County Bar Association, as well as several judges in Sonoma and other northern California counties.

In both its Business and Law Schools, Empire College has made its reputation as a private institution uniquely committed to the public good. Empire College students support our community in public law clinics for elders, immigrants, and individual with disabilities. They put on events and fundraisers for local nonprofits, including the California Parenting Institute, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, and the Children's Village of Sonoma County. In countless ways, we have benefitted from the presence of Empire College not only as a center of learning and professional development, but as a model of engagement and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Empire College. Henry Trione is to be commended for the impressive legacy he has bestowed upon our County, and which the College's long-time executives, Sherie and Roy Hurd, have nurtured over the years. We are privileged to be served by an institution that remains so dedicated to serving Sonoma County and its people.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOE CONNOLLY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Connolly for his distinguished service to the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and Western North Carolina.

Since 2008, Mr. Connolly had been a true fighter, undergoing three instances of brain tu-

mors in a span of three brief years. A husband, father of two, and grandfather of two, he passed away peacefully on May 31, 2011. He had served the aging community of Western North Carolina for the past nineteen years, as director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging since 2006 and prior to that as director of the WNC AIDS Project and the WNC Alzheimer's Association, and as a member on the boards of numerous community agencies. His service truly encompassed the spirit of giving, impacted many lives, and will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Connolly was an inspiration to those around him, a man more concerned with providing care than receiving it. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Joe Connolly for the remarkable commitment he made to the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING COLONEL LEON M. TANNENBAUM, USAF (RET.) FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding veteran and Connecticut native, Colonel Leon M. Tannenbaum, USAF (Ret.), for his exemplary service as a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Today, as he celebrates his 93rd birthday, I am proud to highlight one mission in particular which showcases the staggering courage and bravery Colonel Tannenbaum and his colleagues demonstrated during this tumultuous time in our nation's history.

Based at New Castle Army Air Base in Wilmington, Delaware, then 1st Lieutenant Leon Tannenbaum was a member of the 2nd Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command. A large part of their mission was the delivery of airplanes to the European Theatre. One of the most stirring performances of the 2nd Ferrying Group fliers occurred during the later part of July and first week of August, 1943. It was the unprecedented spanning of the treacherous North Atlantic route in the P-47, single-engine aircraft. While commonplace today, any trans-Atlantic flight in the World War II era was a heroic feat. In fact, as a comparison, today's routes between the United States and Europe can be made in mere hours, whereas this mission took twenty-one days to complete.

On July 23rd, 1943, ten P-47s left the Republic Factory in Farmingdale, New York and nine successfully reached their destination, Prestwick, Scotland. In addition to Colonel Tannenbaum, the pilots who undertook this mission included, Captain Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona; 1st Lieutenants Morgan C. Walker of Maryland, Gerald R. Keyser of Ohio, Charles E. Rigney of New Hampshire, Rowland B. Armacost, Bernard J. Jendrezewski, Junior F. Klein, Rozier C. Murphey; and 2nd Lieutenant Louis Brawer. Though 1st Lieutenant Armacost's plane crash landed in Greenland, the other nine miraculously overcame intense weather and maintenance factors to complete the mission.

As a point of fact, there were many missions involving trans-Atlantic aviation of twin-engine aircraft during World War II; and some that involved the successful completion of the flight in spite of the loss of one of the plane's engines. What makes Colonel Tannenbaum and these other nine pilots stand out is that this is the first, last, and only mission involving the single-engine P-47. Participation was voluntary and the inherent danger was obvious—lose your only engine over the North Atlantic and you would almost certainly perish with your plane. Yet each of these men, understanding the importance of the delivery to the war effort and demonstrating unique and incomparable bravery, chose to accept the mission. It is in this story of courage and valiance that we find the true definition of hero.

Today, Colonel Tannenbaum celebrates his 93rd birthday, marking a milestone achieved by few. As he reflects on his many contributions to his country and community, I am honored to have this opportunity to thank him, on behalf of a grateful nation, for his invaluable service and recognize the unique contribution he made during that fateful mission in 1943. His is a story that is sure to inspire generations to come and he has left a legacy of military service to which many will aspire.

HONORING LOU LORI ON HIS
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend my constituent, Mr. Lou Lori, on his remarkable achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout. In this centennial year of the Eagle Scout Award, Mr. Lori has earned his place among a very prestigious group of young men. His tenacity and dedication to his community impresses me; such commitment deserves public recognition and appreciation because these qualities are critical to building a strong nation.

Mr. Lori's Eagle project involved collecting and donating nine thousand books from the now-closed Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary. Mr. Lori identified local and national organizations—such as Chicago schools, the Cook County Sheriff's office, and a seminary in Dallas—in need of the books. Mr. Lori's original goal was to donate the books to aid programs for English language learners; given that the reading level of the books did not match program needs, Mr. Lori donated the books while still raising funds for programs for English language learners. So, in addition to donating nine thousand books, he raised over \$500 for programs benefiting those learning English.

Mr. Lori's project represents a well-conceived demonstration of the Scout values, particularly the duty to others. The coordination required for this project was daunting—organizing, identifying potential parties interested in, and transporting the books all involved an impressive amount of time and commitment. Putting old assets to new use is a hallmark of leadership and efficiency. Further, giving books delivers immeasurable value via the knowledge gained about oneself and the world

upon reading; this information is the key to opening many doors. It is a key that Mr. Lori has shared with so many. With his efforts and leadership, Mr. Lori delivered an essential ingredient to the growth and development of hundreds of readers.

I served as District Commissioner for the Austin District for the Boy Scouts for 13 years; I know becoming an Eagle Scout is an honor and a standard of excellence for young men across the country. I am proud to recognize Mr. Lori for the dedication, perseverance, and community involvement he demonstrated in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I wish Mr. Lori all the best in his future endeavors. Chicago, Illinois, and the country will benefit tremendously from his continued commitment to the Scout Oath and Law for all the days of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RODNEY
P. HUNT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Rodney P. Hunt, the President and Chief Executive Officer of RPH Enterprise International and the founder of RS Information Systems, Inc. (RSIS), an extraordinarily successful business that became a leader in the fields of data technology, systems engineering, and telecommunications. Mr. Hunt has distinguished himself in the world of business and in his dedication to serving others. In recognition of his leadership and his commitment to supporting numerous worthwhile causes, I am pleased to join with members of the Euro-American Women's Council in honoring Mr. Hunt with its prestigious "Artemis Award" this month.

Rodney P. Hunt launched his career as an entrepreneur while still a teenager, and according to the periodical *Minority Business Entrepreneur*, he had earned his first million dollars at age 16. He co-founded RSIS almost two decades ago, and then successfully guided the firm through a period of uninterrupted expansion, realizing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenues as it became a pre-eminent leader in information technology and government contracting. A majority owner of the company, by the time he sold it in 2008, its professional staff numbered around 2,000 persons and it held approximately 100 prime contracts with civilian and defense agencies of the federal government. Under his leadership, and in all his business endeavors, Mr. Hunt has fostered a culture of civic responsibility, encouraging his enterprises and employees to donate financial support and volunteer activity around the country to the communities in which they were based. It was his dedication to serving others that inspired him to establish the Rodney P. Hunt Family Foundation.

A strong believer in education, Mr. Hunt earned dual bachelor of science degrees in operations research and industrial engineering from Cornell and George Washington universities. He credits his beloved mother for inspiring his dedication to excelling in his studies, an inspiration that led him to establish a Rodney P. Hunt Family Foundation fellowship at his alma mater, Cornell University, and to support other worthwhile educational causes.

Mr. Hunt has distinguished himself as an accomplished leader in the world of business, a respected civic activist, and a dedicated and generous philanthropist who is unstinting in his efforts to serve others. I am proud to join in the EAWC ceremony honoring him this month.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mr. Rodney P. Hunt for his significant and enduring contributions to the civic life of our nation.

COMMENDING MSGT. TODD
EIPPERLE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Todd Eipperle of Marshalltown, IA. On September 17, 2011, MSgt. Eipperle received the Bronze Star from the Army for outstanding service throughout his recent tour in Afghanistan. Among his numerous courageous acts, MSgt. Eipperle is credited with saving the lives of members of his team following an attack from a rogue security officer from the Afghan National Directorate of Security in July 2011. A proud member of the Iowa National Guard, MSgt. Eipperle was previously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during this attack. MSgt. Eipperle exemplifies the best of our Iowa Guardsmen and the good work they did during their 2010–2011 deployment to Afghanistan.

In July of this year, only a week before he was scheduled to return home with the 2,800 other Iowa Guardsmen he'd deployed with, MSgt. Eipperle was wounded in the process of engaging a rogue Afghan security officer who had shot and killed two of his comrades, fellow Guardsman Sgt. 1st Class Terry Pasker of Cedar Rapids, IA and retired Connecticut State Trooper Paul Protzenko of Enfield, CT. Passing through a checkpoint in Panjshir province, the rogue Afghan officer unexpectedly fired at the Iowa Guardsmen. MSgt. Eipperle's quick action in engaging the attacker, despite sustaining gunshot wounds, is credited with saving a number of his colleagues and his own life.

MSgt. Eipperle is home once again, having received the Bronze Star in Marshalltown before members of his community, and being honored with a parade and town proclamation in his honor on September 20. While he's left the war, MSgt. Eipperle is still on active duty, recovering from the wounds he sustained in July. I commend MSgt. Eipperle on his heroism, for a job well done on deployment, and wish him well on his recovery.

RECOGNITION OF THE CALL AND
POST NEWSPAPER 95TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, I am pleased to recognize the