

at the age of 23. Since then, he has advanced to oversee the Cameron Police Department Patrol Division, a role which has led him to have a direct influence on the daily lives of the citizens of Cameron. Thanks to Captain White and the officers serving under his command, Cameron continues to grow and be a safe and secure community in northwest Missouri. Captain White now joins his loving and supportive wife Phil in retirement and looks forward to spending more time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Captain Gaylen White for his accomplishments with the City of Cameron Police Department and for his efforts put forth in serving the citizens of Cameron, Missouri.

IN APPRECIATION OF STEVEN C.
BORELL

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Borell in recognition of the 22 years of service he has given as Director of the Alaska Miners Association.

An engineering master's graduate of Kansas State University, he began his career as a pit foreman in North Dakota, quickly rising up through the ranks of his profession, eventually starting his own engineering consulting company in Anchorage, Alaska.

He began his role as Director of the Alaska Miners Association (AMA) in 1989. Founded in 1939, the Alaska Miners Association has about 1,000 members throughout Alaska and elsewhere, and exists primarily to support the mining industry and all those who work with and within it.

Through his leadership of the AMA he has unified the industry behind simple and consistent support of the responsible and safe development of minerals, doing his utmost to advocate for the mining industry in difficult economic times and in the face of staunch opposition to progress in this sector.

The mining industry brings a host of benefits to both the State of Alaska and the Nation as a whole. The jobs it creates, the economic and infrastructural development it yields, and the energy security it maintains are some of the most pressing issues facing Americans today. It is these issues that the mining industry and the AMA have always sought to address.

In doing this the AMA has sought to ensure that any restrictions on the use of land and water for infrastructural and energy development are firmly scientifically sound and economically realistic. All modern mining must address the balance between environmentalism and resource utilization—the two need not be mutually exclusive. In recognizing this, Steve has truly helped bring mining into the 21st century.

Steve has been a great Director of the AMA, unifying the industry around common goals and aims, serving the best interests of the working men who make up the ranks of the Association, and last, but not least, his tireless effort to be the voice of a whole new generation of miners.

Thanks for everything, Steve.

WHITE CASTLE'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White Castle on its 90th Anniversary. White Castle is considered America's first fast-food hamburger chain and owns and operates more than 400 restaurants in 11 states.

White Castle was founded in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas by Walter A. Anderson and Edgar Waldo "Billy" Ingram. In 1933, the company moved its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio where they continue to be an integral part of the community.

White Castle is known for its small, square hamburgers called "sliders." With these tasty little burgers as their mainstay item, White Castle became the first hamburger chain to sell a million hamburgers and, later, the first chain to sell a billion hamburgers. Additionally, White Castle "sliders" have been sold in the frozen foods section of grocery stores nationwide since 1987 and have been available in vending machines since 1993.

Today, White Castle remains a family-run business having been lead by three generations of the Ingram Family. Their unique porcelain steel buildings are an icon in many neighborhoods across the Midwest.

White Castle is truly an American original and is inspiring because it is a story about the success of the American Dream. I am grateful to White Castle for being a pioneer and innovator of the fast-food industry. I congratulate White Castle and its owners and team members on their 90th Anniversary and on having provided what America craves for 90 years.

HONORING ALEX ABEND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Abend. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Abend for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ROTARY/KIWANIS
CALDWELL STREET FAIR

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex, located in Essex County, New Jersey as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair.

In 1991, the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex decided to join forces to organize a street fair in Caldwell, New Jersey to bring the communities together and show off all that the area had to offer. Welcoming vendors and organizations of every kind, the fair has recently celebrated its 20th year.

The first Sunday of every October brings a great hustle and bustle to downtown Caldwell. It is on this day, for the past twenty years, that two great community organizations come together to bring local organizations, vendors and fun to the area. Over the years, the fair has continued to grow and now consistently brings in 30,000 people; offering these vendors and organizations the chance to interact, not only with the residents of the Caldwells, but with residents from the surrounding communities.

Run by dedicated volunteers, the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair provides an opportunity for local businesses to "show off" their products; for organizations to share what they do and recruit new members; but most importantly, it brings local community members together to enjoy one another's company and have a good time!

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for continually bringing this wonderful event to the Caldwell community.

HONORING REID F. SCHMIDLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Reid F. Schmidling. Reid is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Reid has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Reid has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Reid has earned 51 merit badges, attained the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as well as Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Troop guide with Troop 216, and participated in many other outside activities including chess club, hockey, golf, choir and violin. Reid has also contributed to his community through

his Eagle Scout project. Reid organized and installed an 1860's flagpole and fence around the Pony School at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join Reid's parents, Dale and Candise, his family and friends and I in commending Reid F. Schmidling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL J.
WALSH, COMMANDER, MISSISSIPPI
VALLEY DIVISION, U.S.
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Major General Michael J. Walsh assumed command of Mississippi Valley Division in February, 2008. Since that time, he has played a vital role in managing the Corps' water resources program in the Mississippi River Valley, a \$7.5 billion civil works program. GEN Walsh also served simultaneously as President-designee of the Mississippi River Commission, which oversees and implements the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) project.

The MR&T project was authorized through the Flood Control Act of 1928 and is the largest flood control project in the world stretching from Cairo, Illinois to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet. The MR&T was conceived in response to the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, the most destructive flood in U.S. history, which claimed countless lives and flooded thousands of square miles.

The recent floods of the Mississippi tested the MR&T project to its fullest. The Mississippi River reached and surpassed record levels in Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi. For the first time in 37 years, the Morganza Spillway was opened to save most of Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thankfully, through GEN Walsh's leadership, billions of dollars in flood damage and most importantly lives were saved. Upon reflection, GEN Walsh exhibited the type of control, understanding, and skill that effectively battled a flood that could have devastated the Mississippi River Region. While there is much to rebuild and the loss of life that did occur must be mourned, we must congratulate GEN Walsh and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a job well done. We wish you well in your future endeavors and look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest condolences and solidarity with the people of Turkey in the aftermath of the devastating 7.2 earthquake which struck eastern Turkey early this week. Cen-

tered in the Eris district of Van, it triggered the collapse of approximately 2,000 buildings, leaving in its wake a death toll in the hundreds that is unfortunately bound to rise over the next several days and weeks.

The latest reports indicate that there has been some difficulty in delivering relief to those who so desperately need it, due to conditions on the ground. With the first snows of the area usually falling in November, there could be many more deaths as a result of exposure, as structural damage and aftershocks keep people from returning to their homes.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I am thankful for the Administration's offer to provide assistance to the Turkish government in its relief efforts. I encourage the U.S. government and the international community to continue to be vigilant on ways they can help recovery efforts in Turkey.

When faced with a wide array of challenges over the decades, from the Korean War to our current mission in Afghanistan, Turkey has been a valuable friend and ally. In the wake of such destruction and hardship, the U.S. reaffirms its solidarity with Turkey.

My thoughts and prayers are with the people of Turkey at this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
CARMEN GALVAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a beloved friend and community member and a longtime resident of Rialto, Carmen Haro Galvan. Carmen passed away September 7, 2011 at the age of 79. A memorial mass and a burial service were held on September 15, 2011. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Carmen was born to Demetri Haro and Ruth Valdivia. She was born and raised in Ontario, California, and was the eldest of twelve siblings. From an early age Carmen was known for her grace, beauty, and capacity to love.

She married David Galvan in 1953. They settled and raised a family in Rialto. The Galvans lived in the city for fifty years and were active members of St. Catherine's Church.

Both Carmen and David shared a love for music. They enjoyed singing and dancing together—the two frequented Rainbow Gardens, a dance hall in Pomona, and even competed in dancing competitions in Los Angeles.

Their daughter, Debby Galvan, remembers that they danced like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, moving like butterflies on the floor. The two loved music, loved their family, and loved each other.

It was obvious how deeply the couple loved each other. Debby says, "They lived and breathed each other." David could often be overheard singing 'Muchacha Bonita' to Carmen. The couple had three children, Debby, Jeff, and Randy, and seven beloved grandchildren. Carmen will always be remembered for her big heart and love for her family and friends.

May we all be so lucky to live a life full of love. My thoughts and prayers, along with

those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Carmen's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a cherished community member, Carmen Galvan.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GEAR UP
WEEK

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great GEAR UP Week celebrations that occurred across the country last week. GEAR UP, the Nation's most successful early college awareness and readiness program, is now in its twelfth year. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all of the great program staff, students, families and organizational partners who have helped to make GEAR UP the success it is today.

GEAR UP Week was celebrated with great fanfare last week as students and communities recommitted themselves to higher education and greater opportunity. In West Virginia, the governor and first lady honored students individually, and the program read a proclamation from the governor. In Connecticut, they held a celebration rally. In North Carolina, they read a proclamation from the governor, had a Family College Night and held a writing workshop. In Puerto Rico, students posted on a Dreams Wall and in Deep South Texas they hosted a press conference and celebration with alumni and my good friend and GEAR UP champion Congressman HINOJOSA. In American Samoa, they made commemorative YouTube videos about their programs and the opportunities available to students. Just over the DC border, in Prince George's County, Maryland, they hosted parent workshops and sent an oversized "thank you" to their representatives in the Congress. In Arizona, they reached out to their Congressional delegation as did Laramie County, Wyoming GEAR UP students. In Virginia, the GEAR UP staff reached out to local media to share their success and schools hosted assemblies. In California, the students thanked their Members of Congress for supporting GEAR UP and the program brought the story of college-going to the radio. Roswell GEAR UP in eastern New Mexico spread the word about their programs and publically thanked their partners. In Chicago, 14 former GEAR UP students shared their experience in transitioning to college, the partnership hosted a college fair and teachers participated in a Young Adult Literacy Conference. In Nevada the governor proclaimed GEAR UP Week. Wisconsin GEAR UP students visited college campuses and attended workshops. Mansfield hosted "GEAR UP Family Orientation Night," and in Eastern Michigan GEAR UP hosted a "Legacy of Success." Shasta County Partnership and UC Davis Partnership in California hosted a GEAR UP celebration with community leaders, educators, public officials and business partners. Oregon engaged more than 1,000 people online in support of GEAR UP and Texas GEAR UP hosted a statewide essay contest and pep rallies at GEAR UP high schools. Palomar College GEAR UP read