

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dean Rogers for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who are traveling to Washington, D.C. today with Honor Flight Chicago, a program who provides as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, D.C., a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Marvin Leroy Abramson, Louis Alejandro, Earl Allen, Robert Arvidson, Thomas Atchison, Julio A. Battistoni, Birgie Dean Bergeson, Charles S. Bergh, Earl F. Bishop, Stanley J. Biskup, Ralph Blattner, Marjorie H. Bobzin, William J. Bolt, Lloyd Bowman, Seymour Brodsky, Edward V. Bucaro, Norman E. Burbury, Julius Burrell, Anthony Candice, William J. Christian, Vernon Ciske, Guy Colletti, Irving Covitt, Louis Czyzewski, Robert K. Dean, Walter J. Dobosz, Edward L. Effertz, Vincent J. Fiduccia, Arthur E. Fossland, Paul J. Gerjol, Wilbert Gerrish, Louis Guthmann, Arthur J. Habel, Gerald Hastings, Roscoe Hastings, Edward C. Hausknecht Jr., Albert R. Heminger, Edward J. Heywood, William R. Higgins, Gerald Hulslander, Diderick M. Iversen, Robert Jenkins, Alfred Jordi Jr., Francis Kaduk, Albert Komar, John Kotowski, Robert Bernhardt Krueger, Walter C. Kuhn, Herbert J. Lustig, George Mahony, James E. McShane, William Merrill, Harold Milling, Edwin John Misniak, Charles W. Moffett, Aldo J. Mob, Mary C. Nolan, Fulton Nolen Sr., Joseph R. Pacholski, Jerome Pierce, Joseph P. Pomykala, Frank N. Popp, Frederick Popper, Richard Priske, Robert Prorok, Eugene G. Qualizza, John Radke, Fred V. Randazzo, Kenneth L. Rapalee, Raymond F. Reece, William G. Rieker, John L. Ritchie, Eugene V. Rodarte, Shirley Marie Roeing, Richard Sven Roeing, Sam A. Scardino, Louis C. Seno, Vincent James Serio, Lawrence Smith, Samuel Stookal, Edward Sulkowski, Clarence F. Talentowski, Herbert L. Tatroe, Hilbert O.

Teske, George H. Thompson, Gilbert T. Vinzani, George H. Vozari, Barbara Q. Watson, Harold E. Weir, Franklin C. Wellhausen, John P. Whitbread, Richard Wolff, Berlin W. Wyman, Elmo R. Younger, Michael Yurchak, Leonard F. Zaehler, Walter Ziolkowski.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,971,183,021,178.32.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,333,405,274,884.52 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

SALUTING THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee. An organization dedicated to consumer protection, business standards, and community involvement, the Bureau has seen record growth and become a pillar in our great city of Nashville.

In October of 1961, the Bureau opened its doors with 510 members. During the 1960s, it handled nearly 80,000 service requests. After 5 decades of expansion and growth, the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee now has 5,000 members. In 2011, the Bureau will top 3 million requests with 98 percent of all services delivered via the Internet.

The Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee has a solid reputation for both helping the consumer and raising the standards of business. The Bureau continually encourages businesses to strive for the highest and most ethical standards in commerce. Local businesses aspire to be recipients of the highly coveted "Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics."

Although its primary focus is to direct consumers to businesses they can trust, the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee has become a community partner and a good corporate citizen. The Bureau has invested in higher education awarding scholarships to deserving high schools students through the "Students of Integrity" program and partners with many other nonprofits in community events throughout the area.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to salute the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee for its 50 years of dedicated service to our citizens and our community, and for promoting higher ethical standards in business.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE RICARDO M. URBINA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Judge Ricardo M. Urbina, the first Latino appointed to the bench in the District of Columbia. President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Urbina for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1981, and President Bill Clinton nominated him for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in 1994. Both before and after these path-breaking judicial appointments, Judge Urbina has been recognized by his peers, his city, and many organizations for his many contributions to the law and to society.

Judge Urbina began establishing his reputation with his broad experience as an attorney in the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, in private practice specializing in commercial litigation, and as an associate professor at Howard University School of Law. Among Judge Urbina's achievements while on the bench was his leadership of efforts by the bar and community organizations to create the Superior Court's Office of Interpreter Services, which for the first time institutionalized the practice of providing court interpreters for non-English speakers and the hearing-impaired.

The District of Columbia and its residents are particularly grateful for Judge Urbina's attention to our youth and for his work in developing the next generation of legal achievers by exposing D.C. high school students to the court system, as well as by teaching law while on the bench. Throughout his career, Judge Urbina has been invested in improving both the law that serves our community and the community where the law is observed.

Judge Urbina has now taken senior status on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, but he will continue to serve the city, the court, and the law in a multifaceted life and career that has been characterized by dedication and wisdom. Judge Urbina's career in the law has special meaning today particularly for Latinos, the fastest growing community in our country. The judge's roots in our Latino community make him a history-making role model particularly for a community that had no presence on either our local or federal courts before he paved the way on both. Yet, because of Judge Urbina's professionalism, excellence, character, and many contributions to the law and to the community, he has set a high bar as a lawyer, judge and distinguished citizen not only for lawyers, but for all who aspire to achieve in our city.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Judge Ricardo M. Urbina for his accomplishments on the courts on which he has served and for his contribution to the law and to the residents of the District of Columbia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, I missed a series of votes due to a mechanical failure of a United Airlines plane, and the unavailability of a replacement, at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. If I had been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 816 and "aye" on rollcall No. 817.

HONORING CRYSTAL GLOBE
AWARD WINNER FRANKIE FESKO**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which is hosting its 35th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award at this annual banquet.

The Asian American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District and have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Frankie Fesko. For her outstanding accomplishments and charitable contributions to numerous organizations, she is worthy of such an honor.

Frankie graduated from Illiana Christian High School and continued her education, earning a bachelor's degree from Depauw University and a master's degree from Purdue University. Frankie then spent many years as a teacher for the School City of Hammond and the School Town of Munster. She also worked as a Supervising Teacher at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond.

Frankie has been a true inspiration when it comes to community service, devoting much of her time and efforts to serving so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana. Her amazing compassion and generosity led her to become involved in many charitable organizations throughout the years. Frankie has chaired many events including: the Perennial Ball, which is a fundraiser for the Community Cancer Research Foundation, the Share and Love annual luncheon fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Center in Munster, and Briarfest, which benefits a different organization every year and has supported the National Kidney Foundation, Hospice of the Calumet Area, the Humane Society, Campagna Academy, and the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally,

Frankie serves as a board member for many charitable organizations including: the Munster Medical Research Foundation, the Community Cancer Research Foundation, and the Legacy Foundation. Frankie serves as Chairwoman of the Board for the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, which is a non-profit organization that works to improve the health and quality of life for people in Northwest Indiana. The businesses that the foundation operates include three non-profit hospitals in Northwest Indiana: Community Hospital in Munster, Saint Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, and Saint Mary Medical Center in Hobart. The foundation has also been instrumental in the development of The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, the creation and operation of the Community Cancer Research Centre Foundation, and the donation of land to create the Edward P. Robinson Community Veterans Memorial and Hartsfield Village Retirement Community in Munster. For her exceptional dedication and passionate support to so many charitable endeavors, Frankie was awarded the very first Community Leader Award at the Northwest Indiana's Most Influential Women of the Year Awards Banquet in June 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Frankie Fesko, for their outstanding contributions to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational. For these reasons, the Asian American Medical Association, its members, and Frankie Fesko are to be recognized, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, DC.

DILAN RAMOS**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dilan Ramos for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dilan Ramos is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dilan Ramos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dilan Ramos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN
J. NALBONE, SR.**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a longtime leader in the field of aviation—the late John J. Nalbone Sr. Mr. Nalbone dedicated his life to the field of aviation and was tireless in his efforts to make the skies accessible to many of his friends, family and neighbors in his hometown of Dunkirk, NY.

Mr. Nalbone was fascinated with flying since boyhood, and shortly after graduating from Jamestown High School he went off to Leroy, NY where he was chosen to undergo early government training in the field of modern aviation. This training became essential part of America's defense system as the United States entered World War II in 1941. At this time John was assigned to the 54th Flight Training attachment at Dorr Field in Acacia, FL where he was the primary instructor for Sherman Biplanes until the end of the war.

After the war, John and his wife relocated back to Western New York, where he became a civilian flight instructor and was able to open his own flight school at Werle Field, a small grass strip equipped only with runway lights. John soon realized that through instruction, pilot exams, and rebuilding of aircrafts he could continue to pursue his love for flying while providing a modest lifestyle for himself and his family.

By 1960, Mr. Nalbone became the manager of the Dunkirk Airport while still maintaining his own airfield, instruction school and building several of his own aircraft including a Steen Skybolt, and a Grumman Tiger which he flew into his mid 80's.

During his lifetime, John was the recipient of numerous aviation awards including the FAA's Lifetime Achievement Award in both 1996, and 2003. Mr. Nalbone was also awarded the prestigious Charles Taylor Mechanics Award, which is presented to aviators with 50 or more years of service in the aviation industry.

Mr. Nalbone passed away at the age of 93. He is survived by his three children and six grandchildren. Clearly, Mr. Nalbone passed his love of aviation along to his family. I have dealt very often with his son Lou, who currently serves as President of Dunkirk Aviation, and who remains Chautauqua County's most tireless advocate for aviation in New York's Southern Tier.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to ask you and our colleagues to extend the sympathies of the House to the family of John J. Nalbone Sr., to recognize his contributions to our military and to his community, and for his commitment to the United States of America, and to Western New York.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD G. LANDIS

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Richard Landis of Lake Wildwood, California. Mr. Landis grew up in