

Proclaimed, This 11th day of December, 2010.

HONORING EVA LASSMAN

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Eva Lassman. As a resident of Spokane, Washington for over sixty years, Eva raised three sons in her inspiring likeness. However, Eva's life story was forever altered far before coming to Eastern Washington.

Eva Lassman was born into an Orthodox Jewish family in Lodz, Poland, in 1919. Following Nazi invasion of Poland, at 20 years old, Eva and hundreds of thousands of Jews were confined in the infamous Warsaw ghetto and later moved to the Majdanek concentration camp. Overcoming unspeakable acts of horror—Eva survived for five years in Nazi ghettos and camps before being liberated by Allied Forces in the Spring of 1945. Like far too many Jewish families, nearly all of Eva's immediate and extended family were murdered in the Holocaust.

Looking for a place to restart her life, Eva accepted the invitation and sponsorship of the Spokane Jewish community for resettlement in Spokane. Despite, initially not knowing English or having jobs, Eva and her husband Walter moved to Spokane where over the next 60 years they would become pillars of the Spokane community. Eva dedicated her entire adult life to what she often referred to as her obligation of survival—educating the world on the atrocities of the Holocaust and why it is so important to challenge hate wherever it may be.

Eva told her story to thousands of elementary, junior high, high school, and college students throughout the Pacific Northwest. It has been said that, the exceptionality of Eva's experience is only paralleled by the exceptionality of her commitment to use that experience in making the world a better place. I could not agree more. To that end, Eva's life work is reflected in the countless awards and recognitions she received including the Carl Maxey Racial Justice Award and the inaugural Eva Lassman Award issued annually by Gonzaga University to honor an individual who has committed her or his life to challenging hate.

As an active Letter to the Editor contributor, Eva's life and work inspired all those who heard her words to lead lives to reject hate and courageously combat evil. Of the 200,000 survivors of the Holocaust that were liberated in 1945, fewer and fewer are alive with each passing day.

Mr. Speaker, Eva Lassman sadly passed away early this week and will be laid to rest tomorrow in Spokane, Washington. I urge all of my colleagues to honor Eva's legacy by continuing to spread her message of respect and tolerance.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. D.E. WARD, JR.

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding North Carolinian, Dr. D.E. Ward, Jr., of Lumberton, North Carolina. On January 31, 2011, a month after his 90th birthday, Dr. Ward retired from the practice of medicine after 57 years of service to his community, which is also my own hometown. I ask that you join me in recognizing his long and honorable career.

After graduating from Wake Forest School of Medicine, Dr. Ward interned for a year at the Philadelphia General Hospital, and then served our country in the U.S. Navy Reserve. After returning to Wake Forest and finishing his residency, Dr. Ward became a surgeon in Lumberton, where he has remained all of these years. In addition to his professional practice, Dr. Ward has bettered his community in countless ways. He has served with distinction as president of the North Carolina Medical Society and on my Seventh Congressional District Advisory Committee on Medical and Health Affairs.

Dr. Ward volunteered for 22 years as Lumberton High School's football, baseball, and basketball team doctor. He also has been recognized by numerous civic and medical organizations for his contributions, including receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine—North Carolina's highest civilian honor—in 2001 and the Wake Forest Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004. His patients (including my late father, who was a fraternity brother of Dr. Ward's in college), employees, and colleagues praise him as courteous, professional, kind, and one of the best doctors and best people they know.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. D.E. Ward, Jr., has practiced medicine in Robeson County for decades and has made our community a better and healthier place. As he closes the final chapter of his career, I wish Dr. Ward and his family well, and may God's richest blessings be upon them. I ask that you join me today in recognition of his impressive career of serving the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOSE LUNA

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding medical professional in my congressional district, who has dedicated his life and profession to helping those who are most in need. Dr. Jose Luna serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Centro San Vicente and is currently the chairman of the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers. He is a tireless advocate for those who do not have access to affordable health care, and has committed himself to improving the lives and health of residents along the U.S.-Mexico border. In honor of his work, the El Paso Diabetes Association is recognizing Dr. Luna at their 3rd annual HOPE Ball as an indi-

vidual who has been an invaluable partner in the fight against diabetes.

The statistics regarding diabetes are staggering. Diabetes is an epidemic affecting nearly 24 million Americans and another 57 million with pre-diabetes. Every 24 hours, 4,100 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with diabetes. In El Paso, as many as one in six people are currently living with diabetes, and many more are unaware that their lifestyle choices are putting them at risk or have already made them pre-diabetic.

It is important that we all understand how diabetes affects us, our families, and our community. Since 1968, the El Paso Diabetes Association has been an invaluable asset to my congressional district by providing personalized services including diabetes management and prevention. The organization's mission is to promote education and early detection, empower people to take control of their health, and increase access to resources, and Dr. Luna, this year's HOPE recipient is dedicated to those goals.

Dr. Jose Luna has been involved with the El Paso Diabetes Association for over 8 years, and has made a significant impact, especially with the uninsured and medically underserved. His service to the organization and our community is having a positive impact on the lives of El Pasoans and is helping stem this growing epidemic. Dr. Luna is most deserving of this honor, and I applaud his work and dedication to make El Paso a better and healthier place.

Today, I am proud to recognize Dr. Luna and everyone at the El Paso Diabetes Association, and I greatly appreciate their hard work for the betterment of our community.

A LIFE OF SERVICE AND SHARING

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida and myself we rise now to offer our heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of Dr. Michael Bernard Butler, a humanitarian, healer, life activist and friend.

We are moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements of this giant in the field of medicine and community and social activism. As a husband and father, we embrace his wife, his foundation for more than four glorious decades, Mrs. M. Jean Clarkson, and their children Brian and Michele. As man for whom education was the key, Dr. Butler received his B.S. Degree from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama and the degree of Medical Doctor from Howard University, Washington, D.C. Additional studies took him to Frankfurt Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Mercy Catholic Medical Center, also in Philadelphia. These academic and professional accomplishments insured his certification by and admittance to prestigious medical societies, and he was an Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida.

As a man who served his country, Dr. Butler distinguished himself on the field of battle in the Vietnam War with his service to and for the physical health and morale of those in his charge. He distinguished himself as a fine

Naval Officer who valued his service to others and extended that service to other international theatres of need.

As a community activist, he gave of himself and his talents to benefit both the individuals and the many organizations he served. From the American Cancer Society to the Seminole County Rotary Board, the YMCA, the United Negro College Fund, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., NAACP and was a founding member of the Sweetwater and Heathrow Country Clubs. These and many other civic activities were distinctive and the accolades received for all his good works from many were prolific and countless.

And as a man of integrity, Dr. Butler was both gifted and inspiring. Where he saw pain, he sought to relieve it with medical acumen and personal interaction; where he saw potential in others, he gave them impetus and encouragement; where he saw despair, he brought direction and promise; and where he saw the need for love and caring, he gave of himself.

The life of Dr. Michael Bernard Butler was one of accomplishment, service and sharing. And now in his passing we pay tribute to the man and his life of service to all of us, and we pray that by his example each of us become the bearers of his legacy of caring. We come now to join in prayer for mother Janie Bell Butler, wife M. Jean Clarkson Butler, son Brian Butler, daughter-in-law Cathy Brown-Butler, daughter Michele Butler, two grandsons Michael James and Andrew, sister Judy Butler Rivers and husband Nathaniel, sister-in-law Rogena Butler and a host of loving relatives, friends, whose lives have been forever changed by this man of peace. We thank Our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be blessed with the time spent with Dr. Butler, our friend and brother.

HONORING PASTOR WOODROW  
WALKER II

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Pastor Woodrow Walker II is celebrating fifty (50) years in preaching the gospel this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Pastor Woodrow Walker, under the guidance and calling of God began preaching the word of God as a child and has transformed over the years; and

Whereas, he has pioneered and sustained Abundant Life Church, as an instrument in our community which uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Walker is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Pastor Woodrow Walker II as he celebrates fifty years (50) in the ministry;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim October 29, 2010, as Pastor Woodrow Walker II Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 29th day of October, 2010.

HONORING PRESIDENT RONALD  
WILSON REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ronald Reagan, the man who served our country as the 40th President of the United States, and who would have celebrated his 100th birthday this past Sunday.

As a Californian, I have vivid memories of Governor Reagan serving in Sacramento, my district and the capital of our great state. Much has changed in the 30 years since he left the Governor's Mansion, but the mark he left on our state, like the mark he left on our country, is immeasurable.

I am particularly reminded of his boundless optimism, and his belief that California—and America—can do anything it sets its mind to. In his State of the State Address in 1974, then Governor Reagan said, "No crisis is beyond the capacity of our people to solve; no challenge too great."

Even as we struggle to overcome a challenging global economic downturn, Reagan's words still offer hope. "In the long sweep of history, all human progress has been based on a willingness to face the next great challenge, to seek and achieve what was seen as unattainable," he continued. "Our people have done that in California and America, on a scale unmatched anywhere on this globe."

Here, in our nation's Capital, we are reminded of Ronald Reagan's legacy by visiting the Capitol Rotunda, where he is represented as one of California's two statues, as chosen by the state legislature. The thousands of Californians who visit the nation's Capital are thereby reminded of his service not only to our country, but also to our state.

As we pay tribute to President Reagan, and his love for this country, we also honor Mrs. Reagan, who served our nation as First Lady with dignity and grace. Mrs. Reagan has been a passionate advocate for stem cell research, and her powerful words have helped bridge a partisan divide. Her advocacy has also helped lead to increased research funding; breathing new life into one of the most promising breakthroughs in medical research in decades—and has given hope to millions that our future IS brighter.

On what would be the celebration of Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday, I think it is most appropriate that this body acknowledges the many positive things that are synonymous with his years of service. From nominating the first woman to the Supreme Court—to helping to bring down the Berlin Wall, Ronald Reagan helped people around the world realize that tomorrow can be better than today, and that a free society is a better society. For that, we honor him, and send our best wishes to the entire Reagan family.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. ALAN MACNOW

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great sadness to pay final tribute to Mr. Alan Macnow. He died peacefully on December 25, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with COPD. He was 78.

He was born in 1932 in New York City to Rose and Maxwell Lawrence Macnow, and married Yoko Hamada Macnow, a New York-based fashion editor, author and journalist. They remained married until her death in 1993.

A lifelong resident of New York City, Mr. Macnow attended and graduated from Columbia University, and then he served in the U.S. Army before becoming a freelance journalist for Time-Life Magazines. He began his career in public relations as a writer for the American Heritage Foundation, and then worked at Grey Advertising, Inc., before forming his own public relations, marketing and market research firm, Tele-Press Associates, Inc.

He introduced and helped to bring to the U.S. market a wide range of Japanese products, initially as part of the effort to promote trade and positive relations after his service in the United States Army during WWII, and afterward to help to change the image of Japanese products from low cost to high quality, good value products. These included steel, Toyota automobiles, fireworks, transistor radios, shiitake mushrooms, and nori. He was instrumental in developing the U.S. market for Japanese cameras and cultured pearls.

Mr. Macnow worked tirelessly and passionately to promote greater understanding and more equitable treatment for Japan's fishing and whaling industries in U.S. and international waters. In 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan for his long and meritorious service to Japan. He was also awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the U.S. House of Representatives on August 2, 1984.

He loved New York City, and he loved to travel. He visited many countries around the world and was interested in history and fascinated by different cultures.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Grace; his son, Devin, and grandson, Max; and daughter, Didi, and granddaughters Asia and Lena. He also leaves a step-daughter, Duoduo, and her husband, Tse. He is survived by his brother, Donald and wife, Georgie, and a niece and nephew.

A TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS AMY SINKLER

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, General David Petraeus designated our troops in Afghanistan part of the "New Greatest Generation." I agree wholeheartedly with the General's words, and rise today to pay tribute to one of those great American heroes,