

is particularly important as we continue to see a steep rise in cyber bullying, which can further isolate youth in desperate need of an open and honest environment. I look forward to working with my colleagues to modernize our federal laws to recognize this serious and growing problem as well.

A TRIBUTE TO JEFF MANTO AND
THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING
CENTER IN BRISTOL BOROUGH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeffrey Paul Manto, former Major League Baseball player and longtime resident of Bristol, Pennsylvania. This Saturday, Jeff will be honored by the 21st Century Learning Center in Bristol Borough as "Person of the Year," for his community support and involvement with the center's After School Steering Committee.

Mr. Manto was born at Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1964. Jeff was the third of four children of Michael and Antoinette "Toni" Manto. His father was a Magisterial District Judge in Bristol Borough and his mother was a homemaker. Mike and Toni encouraged all of their children to excel in every arena in which they participated. This encouragement was the guiding force that helped Jeff develop his baseball acumen, which was the predominant sport played on the streets in his closely knit neighborhood, called the "Avenues." At Bristol High School, Jeff was a star athlete. He was the first student-athlete in Bucks County to pass for 1,000 yards in football and score 1,000 points in basketball in the same year. Often overlooked, Jeff also struck out nearly 100 hitters during the baseball season that year.

In 1982, Jeff Manto was selected to All League and All-County first teams in football, basketball and baseball. He was subsequently spotted by a scout and drafted by the New York Yankees, but instead chose to accept a baseball scholarship to Temple University after considering other colleges with equal or better offers to play either football or basketball. His passion was the game of baseball. At Temple, Jeff set the single season record for homeruns and still holds the all-time batting average of .441.

After three years playing Temple baseball, Jeff was drafted in 1985 by the California Angels. By 1990, Manto was a dominant player in the game. He made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians and later that year hit his first professional major league homerun, in front of dozens of family members and friends, at Yankee Stadium. By the end of his professional baseball career, Jeff played in three World Series on three different teams: the Philadelphia Phillies, the Cleveland Indians, and the New York Yankees.

Jeff retired from playing professional baseball in 2000 and is known today as one of the game's greatest all-around utility players, recognized for his power hitting and homerun swings. Often referred to as "Mickey Manto," Jeff is the only player from the area with his bat on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

On December 7, 1991, Jeff married Denise Louise Sabol of my hometown of Levittown. Jeff and Denise have three children, Gabrielle, Andrea, and Jeffrey Jr. Beyond his career in baseball, Jeff continues to be involved in various community activities in our area, including scouting, coaching, and helping out at the Learning Center in Bristol. Accordingly, for his outstanding athletic, civic, and charitable contributions, Jeff Manto is being honored today.

At the Bristol Borough 21st Century Community Learning Center, children have the opportunity to enrich their lives. Programs and services provided at the Learning Center, which are free and available to Borough residents in grades 6 through 12, include access to tutoring, academic, and cultural enrichment activities. Some of those activities include SAT Prep help, Hip Hop studies, sports, and community service projects. These programs provide opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally and help them stay away from high-risk activities. Over 200 students attended programs and services in 2010–2011, and an independent report authored by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit that documents students' achievement gains substantiates the level of satisfaction with the Learning Center expressed by teachers and parents.

Thank you once again to Jeff Manto and the Bristol Borough 21st Century Community Learning Center for all that you do for our community. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and devotion to bettering Bucks County. It is my pleasure to speak on your behalf today, and I am truly honored to serve you in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my vote on the House floor for the McCarthy of New York Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 822 on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. I was in a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and others discussing how to move forward with the St. Croix River Crossing Project, a transportation project of critical importance to western Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted against the McCarthy Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 822 (Roll No. 844).

CONGRATULATING CECILIO LAMAR
FOWLER, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011
MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Cecilio Lamar Fowler upon receiving the 2011 Milken Educator Award. Predicated on the maxim "The future belongs to the educated," the Milken Educator Awards have recognized over the last 25 years more than 2,500 teachers, principals, and specialists

who have made outstanding contributions to the education of K–12 students.

Fowler is a teacher of mathematics and geometry at Evans High School in Orlando, Florida. A native of Winter Park, Fowler graduated from Winter Park High School and the University of Florida. In only his second year at Evans High, Fowler has demonstrated a commitment to educating and mentoring, requesting the most challenging students be assigned to his classroom.

Fowler emphasizes the importance of education in student lives and believes nothing provides his students with greater opportunity in life than a good education. He has been praised by Evans High School Principal David Christiansen for reaching students previously considered "unreachable."

Fowler was awarded the Milken Educator Award for the dramatic improvement his students made on state and local tests and for the efficiency and industriousness of his model classroom, where Fowler encourages peer collaboration and works to help his students achieve confidence-building accomplishments, no matter how small. Fowler is the only 2011 Milken Educator Award recipient in Florida.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Fowler for his hard work, dedication, and leadership. He is most deserving of the 2011 Milken Educator Award. I hope his investment in Florida's students and Florida's future inspires others to follow in his footsteps.

CONGRATULATING THE ACADEMY
OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Academy of Model Aeronautics located in Muncie, Indiana, for their receipt of the prestigious National Aeronautic Association's Brewer Trophy for youth education. The Brewer Trophy is the nation's highest award for aerospace education and is awarded annually to individuals or organizations who make significant contributions to aerospace education in the United States.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has a 75-year history of aviation education, and they have impacted millions of young people across the country. They have taught tens of thousands of teachers, community leaders, and students how to build and fly miniature aircraft. In addition to their educational programs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics has given nearly \$800,000 in scholarships to college-bound seniors pursuing careers almost exclusively in engineering, technical, and professional disciplines. The Academy is also strongly invested in science, technology, engineering, and math education programs.

I commend the Academy of Model Aeronautics for their receipt of the prestigious Brewery Trophy and thank them for their numerous contributions to the Muncie community, the State of Indiana, and the nation.

LIBERIA'S PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS**HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Liberia on the completion of its second peaceful and democratic election. On November 15th, Liberia's National Elections Commission certified President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of the Unity Party as the President of the Republic of Liberia. The November 15 declaration followed a Presidential run-off election on November 8, which was required by the Liberian Constitution as no candidate received a majority of votes in the first round held on October 11.

I was encouraged by reports that the Liberian election process was deemed free, fair and transparent by some 4,800 domestic and international observers. The role that the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, the Carter Center and other institutions played was crucial in providing additional confidence in the process. I applaud the UN Mission in Liberia for providing a safe and secure environment in which voters were able to cast their ballots without incident on both October 11 and November 8. Furthermore, I applaud the Liberian people on demonstrating their commitment to peace and democracy.

I congratulate President Johnson Sirleaf and the newly elected members of the National Legislature, and I hope that they will work together to continue along the path to progress, peace, and prosperity that Liberia has already taken. At the same time, I express my deep regret over the decision of the Congress for Democratic Change, CDC, to boycott the run-off election based upon unproven allegations that the election process was fraudulent. I concur in the sentiments expressed by ECOWAS, the AU and the Carter Center that the CDC boycott deprived the people of Liberia of a dynamic vote in the runoff and created a climate of intimidation and fear in the country.

I was saddened by the violent protest that erupted on November 7, the eve of Liberia's runoff election, and I mourn the lives lost on that day, which will remain a shadow cast over an otherwise peaceful and democratic process. I'm pleased by President Johnson Sirleaf's efforts to set up an independent commission to investigate the incident and bring those responsible to justice. I firmly believe that reconciliation is essential to create a sense of national unity and purpose, and I call upon all political party leaders and their supporters to recognize the certified results of the Presidential and Legislative contests.

The United States will hold accountable any and all political leaders and their supporters seeking to undermine Liberia's peace and democracy by all means available, including the possible use of multilateral and bilateral sanctions.

It is now more important than ever that the United States continue to work with Liberia's elected leaders and stand by the Liberian people as they move to complete their journey into post-conflict success, and sustain the path

toward social stability and economic prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MR.
BENJAMIN HICKMANN WRIGHT SR.**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Benjamin Hickman Wright, Senior who passed away on April 12, 2011. His beloved family is holding a memorial service on November 23, 2011. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Wright exemplified the highest traits of fidelity to his country and family in a manner truly deserving of this great honor. Mr. Wright was an individual who came from a lineage that strove for excellence in all facets of their work. Over a lifetime of achievement and service to others, Mr. Wright embodied the ideals of hard work and dedication to his community, which is the bedrock of American values.

Mr. Wright was an individual who realized significant achievements throughout his life. This can be traced back to his family who attained advanced degrees in the early twentieth century. In fact Mr. Wright's grandfather and great uncle were the first African American physicians in Ohio. Mr. Wright's father was a top ranking life insurance salesman who also gave back to his community by teaching sharecroppers how to read, write and calculate the price of their produce and goods. After receiving a stellar education, Mr. Wright served in the armed forces during World War II in the European Theater as a First Class Petty Officer of the United States Navy. He was recently honored for his service with an Armed Forces Citation signed by President Obama.

From one generation to the next, it is evident that the Wright family has attained significant accomplishments and remained committed to excellence in their work. Mr. Wright maintained and advanced this work through his many accomplishments including his service in the military followed by his service as an Economic Advisor in Monrovia, Liberia. Mr. Wright would go on to become a business owner and an employee in several fortune 500 companies. By the 1980's he founded a nationwide coalition of civic and fraternal associations that served to empower and up lift others.

His commitment to serving his community and country and his accomplishments benefited and enhanced the lives of many citizens over several decades. His memory and work will be remembered by a grateful nation and I am pleased to add my voice as his family celebrates his legacy.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF RIALTO'S
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to join me in celebrating the City of

Rialto's 100th Birthday. Rialto has a long, rich history, and has grown into a city that is home to over 100,000 people. I have been fortunate enough to raise my family in Rialto. I am proud to live in this city, represent these people, and join them in celebrating this momentous event.

Ancient artifacts and traces of a village indicate that Native Americans inhabited this area between 1500 AD and 1800 AD. What happened to these people and settlements still remains a mystery. In 1769, the King of Spain awarded areas of Rialto as land grants to Spanish Dons. Following the cession of California to the United States, Mormons became the next wave of settlers in the San Bernardino valley. By 1854 some of these early pioneers settled in Rialto, constructing ranches and farms in their wake. This period gave birth to the international distribution of Muscat Grapes and the building of the oldest structure in Rialto.

The Semi Tropic Land and Water Company purchased 25,000 acres of land in 1887. The company helped develop and christen the town site. Hattie Merrill, daughter of the former Governor of Iowa, Samuel Merrill, named the town site after the Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy. Within the same year, a railroad connector line was constructed in Rialto. Towns were located every 2,600 yards along the line, connecting Rialto to towns from San Bernardino to Pasadena. That year alone over 25 new towns were built. During the same year, a group of Methodists settled in Rialto. They originally came to build a college, but soon began to grow citrus in the beautiful climate of Rialto. Their farms quickly expanded to acres of citrus groves. In 1888, the Brooke School was built to educate the growing population. Many credit this group of Methodists for developing the Town of Rialto.

By the late 1800s, Rialto became home to a blacksmith, lumber yard, and a cement pipe manufacturing company. The first citrus association was established, and the first citrus packing house was built. Rialto's reputation for beautiful homes with shaded drives began to grow, and so did the population. In 1891, the Rialto School District was formed, and in 1907 the Chamber of Commerce was established. Over the next four years, the population grew to the point that the town supported 40 businesses and a newspaper. In 1911, Rialto was officially incorporated as a City.

For many years thereafter, the City of Rialto continued to grow, shipping citrus to every area in the country. Today those train tracks still run through the City, but are used on a much smaller scale—the area has matured and modernized. Throughout these changes, Rialto remains a great place to raise a family. My children grew up attending school and playing sports in the area. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve this community both at the local and national level. My son, Joe Baca, Jr. still lives in Rialto and has the opportunity to serve our community as a City Council Member. On behalf of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer, we would like to join our neighbors in celebrating Rialto's 100th birthday.