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Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues rise to join me in paying tribute to Baruch College of the City University of New York and the five outstanding honorees it recognized at the 21st Annual Bernard Baruch Dinner.

HONORING THE 2ND PLATOON,
COMPANY B, 2ND BATTALION,
162ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, 41ST
INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT
TEAM, OREGON NATIONAL
GUARD

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon National Guard for their heroic action during the Battle of Fallujah in November of 2004. The unit will soon be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their gallantry in combat. This will be the first award of the Presidential Unit Citation to a unit of the Oregon National Guard in over six decades. The last time a unit of the Oregon National Guard received this distinction was for their valor during the Second World War.

The Presidential Unit Citation reads: "On 03 November 2004, the unit was placed under the operational control of the 1st Regimental Combat Team of the 1st Marine Division, to execute offensive operations in the central Iraqi city of Fallujah. The unit was selected for the initial attack on the city and tasked with penetrating the enemy's defenses and isolating the Jolan District in northwestern Fallujah. The Jolan District was believed to be the strongest of the enemy's defenses. The unit's rapid penetration deep into the city overwhelmed enemy positions, leading the way for further exploitation by the Marines. Throughout the remainder of the battle, the unit continued to isolate western Fallujah while attacking and destroying numerous enemy strong points. The unit's heroic Soldiers, and their expert use of combined arms firepower, led to the destruction of the insurgents in Fallujah."

The soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Company B, 2-162nd Infantry have demonstrated the kind of courage, determination, and skill exemplifying the highest standards of the United States Armed Forces and reflect great credit upon themselves, the Oregon National Guard, and the United States Army.

The Oregon National Guard has deployed 8,917 citizen soldiers worldwide in combat and counter-terrorist operations since September

11, 2001. As our citizen soldiers have repeatedly demonstrated their dedication to the United States of America, we in Congress must reaffirm our support for the men and women who bravely serve our Country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TERENCE
CARDINAL COOKE HEALTH CARE
CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, a continuing-care facility founded more than three decades ago by the Archdiocese of New York. I am pleased to recognize the outstanding work of the Center as it continues to provide medical support and rehabilitative services to residents and patients of all backgrounds, while simultaneously encouraging their independence and self-sufficiency. Tonight we celebrate the hard work of the Center's generous staff, as well as the contributions to civic life of several noteworthy community leaders. I join you in saluting last year's honorees for their devotion to quality health care.

A long-standing presence in the community, the Terence Cardinal Cook Health Care Center has been committed to providing compassionate medical treatment since 1890. With respect for human life and dignity as its principal focus, the Center strives to maintain a broad range of high-quality health care services for its residents and patients in its long-term 729-bed facility and two outpatient clinics. The Center operates many clinical programs that address a wide variety of health issues, from developmental disabilities to chronic illnesses. While upholding its high standard for compassion and kindness, the Center provides comprehensive and innovative treatment to the community.

Last month, the Center held its annual Flower Ball at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan. I congratulate last year's honorees, Michael J. Brescia, M.D., Executive Director of Calvary Hospital; Victoria L. Sharp, M.D., Director of the HIV Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center; J. Anthony SanFillipo, M.D.; and David Kamp, President of Dirworks Landscape Architecture.

Each of last year's honored guests is an exceptional civic leader whose life work reflects the mission of the Center. Almost 50 years ago, Dr. Michael Brescia helped develop the AV fistula, one of the most popular methods of vascular access for hemodialysis in the world. After assuming the position of Director of the HIV Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt in 1997, Dr. Victoria Sharp has tirelessly worked on behalf of those living with HIV/AIDS, including many of society's most disadvantaged citizens and incarcerated individuals. Dr. J. Anthony SanFillipo has been a dedicated board member of the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center for many years and will receive the Partnership Award for his hard work, dedication, and extraordinary service. Over the years, David Kamp and his company have generously offered their time and expertise on a pro bono basis to render the gardens of the Center a welcome oasis of beauty and tranquility in a densely urban environment.

In serving the Center, each of the honorees has demonstrated remarkable dedication, and has been an inspiration not only to staff and patients, but to all New Yorkers. In devoting their time and energy so generously to others, they remind us that every individual can make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues rise to join me in paying tribute to the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and its distinguished 2010 honorees.

HONORING THREE KINGS DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to spend some time today to remember the Christian feast of the Epiphany, or as many in my community know it, Three Kings Day.

For millions around the world, especially Latinos, the final curtain on the holiday season doesn't begin to fall until today, January 6. From El Barrio through Mexico, and the Caribbean all the way down to the tip of South America, communities find their own unique ways to celebrate the Biblical journey of Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar.

Like Christmas, Three Kings Day is a day for kids and family, a time to not just exchange gifts, but also appreciate what we have. In the East Harlem section of my congressional district, the day has been marked for 34 years by a children's parade organized by El Museo del Barrio. Mr. Speaker, seeing these children in costumes and coats walking the streets of Fifth Avenue, you would be instantly reminded about how special they each are and the special responsibility we have in making sure that they have just as many opportunities to succeed—if not more—than any of us standing in these great walls.

Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar traveled on the wings of hope, believing that a better future lay in the hands of a humble child in the manger. They did not dismiss him because he was a carpenter's son or because he was poor. They did not ask about his immigration status or whether his parents had proper paperwork. They crossed deserts and overcame hurdles because they believed that his future was as bright and limitless as the stars that adorned the sky.

Unfortunately, not enough of today's children have been given such investment of time and energy. Despite the tireless work of many parents and educators, far too many are falling through the cracks in schools that are ill-equipped to teach them the skills necessary for work and life.

So on this last weekend of the holiday season, let all of us remember the greatness that lies in each of our children. Let us renew our commitment to our next generation by developing partnerships that will equip them with the tools they will need to realize their goals and dreams.

Let us remember that acts of kindness and generosity should extend well into the year and that the future of this great land depends on the opportunities we create for our children to shine and reach their full potential.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE CONRAD FOA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Conrad Foa, an outstanding New Yorker who has distinguished himself as a leader in the worlds of business, philanthropy, and civic and political affairs. A Member of the New York State Democratic Committee, Mr. Foa's contributions to the community were recognized at the annual dinner gala of the Lexington Democratic Club last month. As the first "reform club" in New York City, the Lexington Democratic Club strives for inclusive civic participation in our nation's greatest metropolis, and Conrad Foa is a proud heir to that great reform tradition.

As the Democratic State Committee Member representing the 73rd Assembly District on the East Side of Manhattan, and as a Member of Manhattan Community Board 8, Conrad Foa has distinguished himself as a dynamic and forceful leader for his community. He and his wife Linda Foa were both born in Manhattan, as were both of their sons Justin and Barrett. As a lifelong resident of Manhattan's Upper East Side, Conrad Foa has volunteered his time and effort to maintaining and improving the quality of life for his fellow Upper East Siders, and has thrown himself in public life by twice running for a seat in the New York State Senate. In recognition of his outstanding leadership abilities, the Democratic voters of New York's 73rd Assembly District elected Conrad Foa to the New York State Democratic Committee in 2006.

Conrad Foa has also distinguished himself as a premier leader in the insurance industry. As the principal of Chairman of Foa & Son, a leading insurance brokerage firm which negotiates insurance coverage on behalf of the consumer, he ushered his family-owned enterprise into the twenty-first century. The firm's proud tradition is now being carried on by its President, Conrad and Linda's son Justin, who is the fifth generation Foa to head the firm, which will be celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary next year.

Conrad Foa's leadership and achievements have been recognized on many occasions by his colleagues and peers. He is a past President and Director of the Insurance Brokers Association of the State of New York, and was instrumental in getting two pro-consumer bills passed to keep jobs and holding insurance premiums down. He was named a member of several prestigious and exclusive associations for business leaders, including the Young Presidents Organization, the World Presidents Organization, and the Chief Executives Organization. Mr. Foa is Founder of the International Executives Association and a past President and Director of Executives' Association of Greater New York, a networking organization which promotes New York businesses. A dedicated philanthropist, he also served as Member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and received a Master's Degree in Economics from The London School of Economics.

Despite all his activity in business, civic, and political life, Conrad Foa has always remained

dedicated above all to his family. He and his wife Linda are the proud parents of their sons Justin and Barrett, an accomplished actor and performer, and doting grandparents to Justin's son, Max.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by the Honorable Conrad Foa, a great New Yorker and a great American.

HONORING THE ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DANIEL LAGE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize a young man from south Florida, Daniel Lage, who has made headlines with his remarkable academic achievements at the young age of twenty-one.

Daniel's family history is a sadly familiar story for many of us in south Florida; that of being forced to flee the Castro dictatorship of Cuba for the land of freedom and opportunity: the United States.

I too come from this same background—and I know that the struggles of his family served to strengthen this young man's passion to succeed.

There is no better path to success than that of a driven individual pursuing a sound education.

I know that Daniel demonstrated his eagerness to learn and his matching intellect every day in the classroom. Through his hard work and with the support of his loving family by the time he graduated Gulliver Preparatory School he had been named Valedictorian and had earned the prestigious Silver Knight Award.

Later, Daniel was accepted into Harvard University, where he has pursued a degree in history and science and will graduate in May. Never forgetting his roots, Daniel has been the president of Harvard's Cuban American Undergraduate Association and remains committed to the idea of a free and prosperous Cuba.

Daniel embodies the noble values, unshakable integrity, and sheer determination that we all should aspire to match. Many people and institutions have certainly taken note.

Daniel has received the incredibly prestigious Rhodes Scholarship where he will study at the world renowned Oxford University in England. Winners are selected for many defining qualities including high academic achievement, personal integrity, and leadership potential. Impressively, he is one of only seventy Floridians to ever receive this scholarship.

At Oxford, Daniel expects to pursue a Master of Science—with a focus on different nations' approaches to caring for the chronically ill. Sadly, this focus is not arbitrary, and again both he and my family share a solemn common bond. His grandfather, Eugene, was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. I know firsthand the terrible effects of this debilitating disease on an individual. My mother, Amanda, has been fighting a losing battle against the disease over these last few years.

I know that my personal experiences with this horrific disease have prompted me to take

action in the fight against Alzheimer's; so too have Daniel's experiences. He has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association as an advocate and has every intention and expectation of becoming both a physician and a policy-maker in his future. I understand this deep-seated passion for geriatric medicine and certainly expect that his strong resolve will play an important part in unlocking the mysteries of this terrible disease and finally finding a cure.

I know Daniel fully recognizes the immeasurable value of his ongoing education, and in doing so I am confident he will accomplish many great things for our community in south Florida, our magnificent United States, and above all continue to make his family immensely proud.

So once again, Daniel, from a former Florida certified teacher and a firm proponent of education as a lifelong journey: I congratulate you on all you have accomplished—you are a fine example of the best and brightest in south Florida and I wish you truly all the best on all you hope to accomplish in the future.

THE WALK FOR HEALTHCARE:
HEALTHCARE STORIES FROM
WEST VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA
COLLECTED BY OGAN
GUREL, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following stories, collected by Dr. Ogan Gurel.

"Tom described a situation in which he was buying two batteries for a scooter. Since he was paying out-of-pocket, they discounted the price \$30 below the price they charged Medicare. 'Something fishy is going on,' he said." Tom—Chester, 7/14/2009

"I met Sharyn at the DaVinci salon. No, I wasn't going in for a pedicure, which, with the condition my feet were in wouldn't have been easy anyway. Actually, she peeked out the door and asked, 'Are you that doctor walking from Chicago to DC?' and invited me in for a glass of water. Being busy with clients, there was no opportunity to get any stories. But they all were supportive of the Walk. 'We sure need healthcare reform,' Sharyn said, as her co-workers gathered about along with the clients reclining in their chairs nodded in agreement." Sharyn—Chester, 7/14/2009

"Gayla told me that she and her husband have been 'very lucky.' They've had employer-provided insurance through Verizon—'pretty good insurance,' she told me. But Frontier is buying the West Virginia assets of the company, so in the transition, as she put it, they have no idea what it'll mean for them. This is important because her stepson has cystic fibrosis (CF). At age 23 he's a real survivor. He's done well but lately, from an insurance standpoint, it's gotten very complicated. Based on doctor's orders, he's strictly limited to very light work, at a maximum of 30 hours a week. So essentially, as Gayla told me, 'He's stuck with a part-time employment status. Insurance on his own is not a possibility,' she added. 'And he can't get SSI because he actually can work a little.' And while Verizon promised to cover him (as part of their employer-based coverage) even into adulthood, Gayla and her husband don't know if that agreement will be honored by the new company. She doubts that it will be. It sounds like there are so