

to recognize the outstanding achievements made in bioengineering that significantly improve the human condition.

As co-founder of several biotechnology companies in the Puget Sound Region, Dr. Hood advanced research and methods in biology and developed new DNA technologies for biomedicine and forensic science. His groundbreaking work in automation of DNA sequencing earned him this biennium's Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize. Dr. Hood is a leading scientist in the fields of molecular biotechnology and genomics where his approach to biomedicine has been utilized internationally. He has received many of the foremost awards in his field including the 2004 Biotechnology Heritage Award for his significant contributions to biotechnology through discovery, innovation, commercialization, and increasing public understanding of biology.

A pioneer of techniques that initiated the Human Genome Project, Dr. Hood is admired for his scientific innovations, his entrepreneurship, and the quality and volume of his research. Having earned his M.D. at Johns Hopkins University, and his Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Hood inspires young people to follow in his footsteps and study science.

The Seattle Community is exceedingly proud to be home to Dr. Leroy Hood and the Institute for Systems Biology, a pioneering research facility that is doing critical work at the very forefront of biological science.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Dr. Leroy Hood, recipient of the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize for his achievements in advancing genetic science.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MERCEDES HELEN SPOTTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mercedes Helen Spotts, a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Mrs. Spotts' devotion to public service, and her passionate love for her family and children, has left a lasting impression on countless lives.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio to Helen and John Karpinski, Mrs. Spotts graduated from Notre Dame Academy, and earned associates and bachelor's degrees at Notre Dame College. She also earned her master's and law degrees at Cleveland State University. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, Notre Dame College.

Mrs. Spotts has the honor of being the first female deputy bailiff at the Cleveland Municipal Court. Throughout her career she also served as an appeals court administrator, the second female President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, co-founder of the East Side Catholic Shelter and the founding President of Mental Health Services. Because of her dedication, Mrs. Spotts was the recipient of three awards from the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, including the first "Day Weiner" award for public service.

In addition to her formal role as deputy bailiff, Mrs. Spotts was known around the commu-

nity as the organizer of the annual International Folk Festival in Playhouse Square. She was also an active member of the Dimpled Darlings of Ireland, a tap-dance group that performed for nursing homes and hospitals. Mrs. Spotts was named a "Grand Lady of Pulaski" by the Polonia Foundation and received its annual Heritage Award. She also received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2005.

Mrs. Spotts is survived by her two sons, David and John, her grandson David, and sister, the Honorable Diane Karpinski.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Mercedes Helen Spotts, whose legacy of professionalism and service to others will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD BROCK

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and generosity of the late Harold Brock of Waterloo, Iowa.

In January, Harold passed away at the age of 96. For decades he was a leader and innovator in the Cedar Valley and State of Iowa. Harold began his career as an engineering apprentice at Ford Motor Company working alongside Henry Ford. He headed tractor engineering at Ford for 20 years, before moving to Iowa to work for John Deere in 1959. Harold became the company's first worldwide director of tractor engineering. Throughout his career he supported multiple community programs including Junior Achievement, Cedar Valley Hospice, and the Grout Museum.

One of his greatest contributions was helping establish the Hawkeye Institute of Technology, which we now know as Hawkeye Community College. Harold's vision, energy, and intelligence enabled Hawkeye to become the premier institution it is today. Thousands of students, families, and businesses are stronger now because of Harold's leadership.

A few months before his death, Harold was featured in the Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier for his work and generosity. In that story he stated he was grateful for the opportunity "to build a better world for people." He wanted to be remembered for contributing to the success of people and the community.

Mr. Speaker, Harold Brock will be remembered for a long and productive life where he truly helped build a better world for people. I rise today to honor his memory and the legacy he's left.

MOVEMENT IS LIFE

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, arthritis is the number one cause of disability, according to the Centers for Disease Control, CDC, and among the leading reasons for doctor visits and missed work. In addition, the CDC finds that arthritis costs \$128 billion annually in medical costs and lost wages. In September

2010, a national summit on arthritis and musculoskeletal health disparities, "Movement is Life," was held in Bethesda, Maryland. The summit facilitated a national dialogue about musculoskeletal health disparities among women and the largest racial/ethnic minority groups, African Americans and Latinos. The findings of "Movement is Life" show that women, African Americans, and Latinos face more severe osteoarthritis and disability but receive less than optimal access to diagnostic, medical, and surgical intervention than other demographic groups. These disadvantaged communities also face significant health disparities in chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. By promoting early intervention, "Movement is Life" hopes to slow musculoskeletal disease progression, reduce disability, and encourage physical activity and daily movement to improve the overall health of the Nation.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONNELLY of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I rise to strike the last word. This Continuing Resolution would cripple our Nation's transportation infrastructure and terminate crucial investments in public safety. It also would close down community health centers across America, leaving many children and the elderly without vital health care. For example, in my district this proposed cut could close the Prince William Community Health Center. That would eliminate necessary health care for 19,000 of my constituents. In Louisa County, Virginia, which is represented by the new Majority Leader, this proposal could close the lone health facility where residents can receive care. Statewide, 93,000 Virginians would lose health care while 163 employees of community health clinics would lose their jobs. These clinics do not provide optional or cosmetic care. They offer the most basic services necessary for survival. These clinics, which serve virtually every Congressional district, serve some of the hardest working Americans who have been victims of long-term increases in health insurance premiums, which have put affordable care out of their reach.

This Continuing Resolution demonstrates extraordinary callousness and hypocrisy on the part of the Republican leadership. They claim to be interested in the sanctity of human life while cutting off the only source of health care for tens of thousands of Virginians. Incredible, the Republican leadership blocked an amendment by Representative BALDWIN which would have restored \$1 billion in funding for community health centers.

I urge my colleagues to reject the unconscionable cuts in community health center funding and defeat this Continuing Resolution.

JAMES J. HAGGERTY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James J. Haggerty, known affectionately to many of us as "The Big Fella." He was the beloved husband to his cherished Cecelia and proud father of seven: Jeanie, Mauri, James Jr., Matthew, Cecelia, Daniel, and Katie. And he was the doting grandfather to 18.

Jim's life motto was "to those whom much is given, much is expected." He believed strongly in public service, through which he knew he could help people. When his close and dear friend, Bob Casey, became Governor of Pennsylvania, Jim served in his cabinet as Secretary of the Commonwealth and later as his General Counsel.

Jim's life was made full by his big family and many friends. He adored his wife, and he died just 11 days before their 45th wedding anniversary. He was strengthened by his abiding Catholic faith, loved his Irish heritage, and was a loyal Dunmorean.

Jim supported many worthy causes, serving as chairman of the board of the University of Scranton, a member of the board of Scranton Preparatory School, and a staunch champion of the United Way of Lackawanna County. His good works strengthened northeast Pennsylvania.

At his funeral mass, Monsignor Joseph Quinn said of Jim to an overflowing and loving crowd: "God used him to build many bridges along the way, bridges that connect lives."

His grandson, James, called him a man of courage and generosity, saying: "He has taught me the importance of giving back."

As the Scranton Times-Tribune reported, James Jr. said his father epitomized "honesty, integrity, and love" to his family. And he closed with a poem read by Robert F. Kennedy in Lackawanna County in 1964, about Irish freedom fighter Owen Roe O'Neill:

"We're sheep without a shepherd, when the snow shuts out the sky. Oh! Why did you leave us, Owen? Why did you die?"

My husband Paul and I were proud to call the Haggertys our friends for nearly 50 years, and are deeply saddened by Jim's passing. It is a source of great happiness to us that our children and grandchildren are loving friends.

Indeed, so many were proud to call Jim their friend: last Sunday, in Scranton, a line of those who had come to pay their respects to Jim stretched for blocks. As they waited in line for hours, they shared their stories of how Jim Haggerty helped them.

I hope it is a comfort to the Haggerty family, to Celia and to their children and grandchildren, that so many grieve their loss and are praying for them in this sad time.

CONGRATULATING KATHY STEINHOFF**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kathy

Steinhoff, a math teacher at Jefferson Junior High School in Columbia for receiving the NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence on February 11, 2011.

Ms. Steinhoff should be commended for her hard work and dedication to the students in her school district and her community. The NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence is a prestigious award, and we are proud she is representing our great state of Missouri and the 9th district. Advancement in the fields of mathematics is integral to the development and competitiveness of America in the future, and I am honored to congratulate Ms. Steinhoff on her outstanding achievement.

Ms. Steinhoff was selected from five finalists to receive the NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence. The award recognizes effective teaching skills and advocacy for the educational profession.

Steinhoff won the award for her unique teaching style and the use of technology in her lessons, such as interactive SMART Boards and clickers, to help her eighth- and ninth-grade students. She also uploads podcasts, which record her teaching difficult math problems, so that her students can revisit her lessons later to study. Her innovative teaching style has made her a favorite among students and a leader among her peers.

It is critical for the future of our country that students have access to a quality education. Without excellent teachers, our schools fail our students and communities. Ms. Steinhoff exemplifies what it means to be an excellent teacher, and her dedication to her students and community is worthy of high praise.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Kathy Steinhoff for her excellence in the field of education.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE KHOJALY TRAGEDY**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the estimated 1,000 civilians who on February 26, 1992 were indiscriminately scalped, tortured, and killed in the town of Khojaly, an Azerbaijani-populated town in Nagorno-Karabakh. Many of us know that post-Soviet conflicts in Eastern Europe and Central Asia led to brutal ethnic cleansing, but few have heard of the people of Khojaly, who were massacred by Armenian militants. The ethnic cleansing was successful, and the town no longer exists. Although the tragedy received widespread media coverage, since then it has largely been forgotten. I hope that now and every year after this atrocity, we can pray for the victims.

Azerbaijan's Muslim, Christian, and Jewish communities come together against ethnic cleansing at this time of the year, commemorating the lives of the Khojaly victims and calling on the international community to condemn the bloodshed. Their pleas do not fall on deaf ears.

There are still victims of the conflict in the region of Nagorno-Karabakh. Hundreds of thousands of people are displaced, and ethnic cleansing has continued even after 1992.

I have met victims of the Rwandan genocide, who are still healing to this day. I went

to Bosnia shortly after the war and saw the effect of ethnic cleansing there. I know what a detrimental effect this can have to a region, in this case even wiping a small town off the map. I recognize that even now, atrocities are occurring in Kashmir and Darfur, and innocent civilians are paying the price while we in the international community have more to do.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that Azerbaijan and Armenia can come to a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, and I hope that the civilians suffering right now will soon see an end to ethnic cleansing. The memories of the women, men, and children of Khojaly should propel us to condemn such practices.

RECOGNIZING THE DES MOINES SOCIAL CLUB**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Des Moines Social Club, a not-for-profit venture formed in Iowa around the idea that art can be accessible to everyone.

Since its founding in 2008, the Des Moines Social Club has become a source for art and art education through the Instinct Art Gallery, showcasing local, national and international artists, many educational classes, and weekly programs. They have provided the staff and resources to host public events educating Iowans of all ages about music, dance, theater, and the visual arts.

The folks of the Des Moines Social Club have been strong supporters of projects that benefit the entire community. In the past year, they have expanded to provide just under 300 hours of classes for over 500 students. The fact that nearly 100 volunteers have put in close to 5,000 hours of service, is a true testament to the leadership of the organization and their dedication to fulfill their mission of using the arts as a catalyst for community engagement.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of what the Des Moines Social Club has done to further the arts. This group of leaders is making the State of Iowa a more vibrant and diverse community.

SUPPORT THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY FUND**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose amendment #380, proposed by our colleagues Mr. REED and Mr. GRAVES, which eliminate the State Department Democracy Fund and the Human Rights and Democracy Fund (HRDF).

The Human Rights and Democracy Fund funded by the Democracy Fund appropriation, finances innovative projects across the world to support the long-standing bipartisan U.S. foreign policy goals of defending human rights and advancing democratic values. Continued HRDF programming is vital to U.S. national