

against advancing British forces that afforded Washington and countless American troops the time needed to successfully retreat. As a result, Washington promoted Pulaski to brigadier general of the American cavalry.

His influence on American independence did not end there. Pulaski organized the Continental Army's first successful cavalry unit, often using his own money to finance equipment for his men. He introduced modern military tactics to the Americans and led troops in numerous battles and sieges up and down the eastern seaboard.

On October 9, 1779, during the Battle of Savannah, Pulaski was struck by grapeshot while attempting to lead a secondary charge against the entrenched British. He was taken aboard the USS *Wasp* and died from his wounds two days later. On October 15, he was buried at sea. Today Pulaski is remembered as the father of the American cavalry and one of the heroes of the American Revolution.

In 2009, on the 230th anniversary of his death, Congress honored Pulaski posthumously as an honorary citizen of the United States, marking only the seventh time in America's history that an individual has been granted such an honor. Today, I ask all Americans to remember a true Polish-American hero who devoted and ultimately sacrificed his life to the pursuit of freedom.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BILLY BOB'S TEXAS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the 30th anniversary of Billy Bob's Texas, which opened on April 1, 1981 and is proud to be known as the World's Largest Honky-Tonk. The building known as Billy Bob's was built over a century ago in 1910 as a cattle barn in Fort Worth's historic Stockyards. This Fort Worth landmark has been an invaluable attraction for both local residents and visitors from around the world. But this iconic building does not only contribute to the Texas culture in Fort Worth, but also to the economic prosperity of the neighborhood and the city. It has entertained more than 17 million visitors, served as a venue to tens of thousands of music artists including the greatest names in country and classic rock, and is proud to have bucked more than 46,000 bulls in its indoor arena. Billy Bob's truly does preserve Fort Worth's western heritage. I want to congratulate owners Holt Hickman, Don Jury, Steve Murrin, and Billy and Pam Minick.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN SCOTT CARNEVALE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the memory of a man who gave his life serving the people of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Alameda Fire Captain Scott Carnevale, a resident of Mill Valley, California, died at the age of 42 on January 3, 2011, of occupational cancer.

Cpt. Carnevale was a proud Mill Valley native. He attended Mill Valley Middle School and Tamalpais High School, and it was at Tam High that he first met his future wife, Elizabeth. Mill Valley is also where Cpt. Carnevale took an early interest in firefighting, volunteering with the Mill Valley Fire Department in 1992. Cpt. Carnevale then attended the fire academy in Santa Rosa and graduated the following year.

Early in his career, Cpt. Carnevale served as a seasonal firefighter in Marin and worked for the Tamalpais Fire District before finally joining the Alameda Air Station as a full-time firefighter. When the airbase closed in 1997, Cpt. Carnevale was hired by the city of Alameda, where he was promoted to Apparatus Operator in 2001 and Captain of Station Two in 2007.

Cpt. Carnevale was also dedicated to his fellow firefighters. He served as an Executive Board Trustee and Shift Vice President for the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 689. He was also an active member of the Fire Labor Management Team, and he organized Alameda Fire Department's participation in the California Professional Firefighters Exposure Reporting Program.

Cpt. Carnevale had many outside passions and skills, including craftsmanship and the outdoors. He helped design and build his family's home in Mill Valley. He also helped to restore the fire department's two antique fire rigs, and he took it on himself to repaint the insignia at the front door of Station Three. Even a diagnosis of cancer could not slow him down, as he continued to enjoy spending time with his family, traveling, and kayaking.

Cpt. Carnevale is survived by his wife Elizabeth Carnevale and his eight-year-old son.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of loss that we ask you to join us in honoring the life of Cpt. Scott Carnevale. Family and friends remember Cpt. Carnevale as an adventurer who was loved and respected for his integrity, selflessness, and dependability. The people of the Bay Area remember him as a true hero.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WALDPOR, OREGON

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Waldport, Oregon on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Nestled along Oregon's beautiful coast line, Waldport has long been known for its pristine beaches, premier fishing, and forest products.

The first settlers traveled to the town by means of the Alsea River in the late 1870's and named it Waldport. The name comes from the German word for forest "wald" and "port" for the town site's location. The town had long been home to several Native American coastal tribes and would come to lay upon an old Indian burial ground. Its founders, David and Orlena Ruble would map out the city, using only the evening stars as their guide. By 1890

the city would be chartered and would go on to see decades of robust economic growth.

In 1918, Waldport would build its very own railroad which was used by the United States Army to log and transport spruce for its airplanes. After World War I ended, communities throughout the Pacific Northwest would weather a small recession as the demand for such materials declined.

Prior to the last two decades, Waldport's economy was driven by logging, timber products, fishing, and dairy and would be home to sawmills and salmon canneries. Salmon, trout, and surf fishing is at its best in this quaint coastal community.

Today, Waldport is as resilient as ever and maintains its coastal charm. When the tide goes out visitors and residents alike can dig for clams, comb the city's pristine beaches, and rake crabs. Waldport is a quiet city where one can escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and enjoy everything life has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the City of Waldport, Oregon and its residents. I congratulate the citizens of Waldport on their centennial and I look forward to sharing in the celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Created in 1911 to demand equality, today's International Women's Day is a reminder of all of the glass ceilings that have been broken in the past century. But it is also a day to remember how far we have left to go. Nowhere is this more evident than in the maternal mortality rates in some parts of the world. As many as one in eight women die because of childbirth related complications in some parts of Afghanistan. A full third of women in the developing world deliver without a skilled attendant present. And we lose approximately half a million women every year in childbirth, or one woman every minute.

Pregnancy should not be a death sentence, and on this International Women's Day I recommit to meeting the challenges laid out in the 5th Millennium Development Goal (MDG). The 5th MDG states that the global community is committed to reducing maternal mortality rates by 75 percent by 2015; today we are only a third of the way there, and it will take action from us all in order to succeed. We know how to prevent maternal deaths. Women need a skilled birth attendant present when they deliver. They need access to life-saving and inexpensive medications in case something goes wrong. And they need sanitary conditions to prevent the spread of infection. One organization in my district is committed to making sure that every woman has access to these services when they deliver.

For nearly 40 years and in more than 150 countries, Jhpiego, an international health nonprofit affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, has worked to prevent the needless deaths of women and families. Working with

health ministries, community organizations, and USAID, Jhpiego prepares local health care workers with the latest in maternal and newborn health skills, building sustainable local capacity that will stay on the ground long after they leave.

Together with partner organizations, Jhpiego helped develop the national midwifery education program in Afghanistan that has educated and graduated more than 2,000 skilled midwives. When the 2010 earthquake devastated Haiti, Jhpiego was on the ground to ensure that pregnant women had access to the care they needed. And, Jhpiego is leading the way in finding innovative solutions for the developing world's most pressing medical problems—like an inexpensive way to diagnose cervical cancer in places that lack electricity and access to lab tests.

I commend the work of Jhpiego and others who are working day and night to end the dangers of childbirth. Childbirth is one of life's great moments, and together we can ensure that more women survive that day and live to see the 101st anniversary of International Women's Day.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. ALLAN
AND ANN ROSE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Allan and Ann Rose, this year's recipients of the Joseph Saporito Lifetime of Service Award.

Allan and Ann have not only been married for 50 years, but they have been serving our community for just as long. Faithful church goers, Allan and Ann have been largely active in their respective parishes. Allan serves on the Administrative Board, which he has previously chaired, of the United Methodist Church of Pittston and the Board of Methodist Homes. Ann is a member of the Pastoral Advisory Council and Altar & Rosary Society of the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist in Pittston. Both Allan and Ann credit their love of God for their drive to serve and give back to the community.

Allan Rose, a retired administrator at Abington Heights School District, is the chair of Local Development for Wesley Village. He is treasurer and past president of the Chanters of Irem Temple. Allan has been involved in the West Pittston Lions Club, the West Pittston Ambulance Association, the West Pittston Library Board, and the Shrine Club of Greater Wilkes-Barre, of which he is a past president. Ann Rose is a member of the JLW Mountain Laurel Lions Club, where her duties include volunteering at the local VA Hospital once a month. She is also a member and the past secretary of the Lithuanian Women's Club of Wyoming Valley, a volunteer with the Care and Concern Food Pantry and Kids' Kloset, and a member of the Blooms and Bubbles Chapter of the Red Hat Society. Together, Allan and Ann volunteer with Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston and help at the annual summer bazaar of St. John the Evangelist Church and the United Methodist hoagie sale. They have always supported each other's selfless efforts, and have greatly enjoyed sharing their ability to give to others.

Mr. Speaker, Allan and Ann Rose are not only extraordinary individuals, but they are a remarkable couple. Their loving and kind nature has emanated throughout the community. Their altruistic spirit and devotion to our community will never be forgotten, and is enormously appreciated. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Rose on receiving the Joseph Saporito Lifetime of Service Award and recognizing what an inspiring couple they have become to our community.

HONORING HENRY D. MOORE
PARISH HOUSE AND LIBRARY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Henry D. Moore Parish House and Library as it celebrates 100 years serving the community of Steuben, Maine.

Henry D. Moore, a native of Steuben, was a philanthropist who donated the library and parish house for use by the people of Steuben. Opened in 1911, the donation of the Parish House and Library was monumental to the towns and communities in rural, downeast Maine. Many towns in the region did not have a library, and the new building helped provide access to new information and resources in Washington County.

Today, the Parish House and Library serves as a non-profit community center, meeting house and venue for classes, arts and performances. The Moore Library also boasts an impressive 12,000 item collection, featuring many rare pieces of literature and other works collected over the years.

The Parish House and Library are a central part of Steuben and Washington County. The facility continues to serve the community, including the Kindergarten through Grade 8 students and teachers at the Steuben Ella Lewis School across the street.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you will join me in celebrating the centennial of the Henry D. Moore Parish House and Library in Steuben, Maine.

THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT
TAX CUT ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Education Improvement Tax Cut Act. This act, a companion to my Family Education Freedom Act, takes a further step toward returning control over education resources to private citizens by providing a \$5,000 tax credit for donations to scholarship funds to enable low-income children to attend private schools. It also encourages private citizens to devote more of their resources to helping public schools, by providing a \$5,000 tax credit for cash or in-kind donations to public schools to support academic or extra curricular programs.

I need not remind my colleagues that education is one of the top priorities of the Amer-

ican people. After all, many members of Congress have proposed education reforms and a great deal of time is spent debating these proposals. However, most of these proposals expand federal control over education. Many proposals that claim to increase local control over education actually extend federal power by holding schools "accountable" to federal bureaucrats and politicians. Of course, schools should be held accountable for their results, but they should be held accountable to parents and school boards not to federal officials. Therefore, I propose we move in a different direction and embrace true federalism by returning control over the education dollar to the American people.

One of the major problems with centralized control over education funding is that spending priorities set by Washington-based Representatives, staffers, and bureaucrats do not necessarily match the needs of individual communities. In fact, it would be a miracle if spending priorities determined by the wishes of certain politically powerful representatives or the theories of Education Department functionaries match the priorities of every community in a country as large and diverse as America. Block grants do not solve this problem as they simply allow states and localities to choose the means to reach federally-determined ends.

Returning control over the education dollar for tax credits for parents and for other concerned citizens returns control over both the means and ends of education policy to local communities. People in one community may use this credit to purchase computers, while children in another community may, at last, have access to a quality music program because of community leaders who took advantage of the tax credit contained in this bill.

Children in some communities may benefit most from the opportunity to attend private, parochial, or other religious schools. One of the most encouraging trends in education has been the establishment of private scholarship programs. These scholarship funds use voluntary contributions to open the doors of quality private schools to low-income children. By providing a tax credit for donations to these programs, Congress can widen the educational opportunities and increase the quality of education for all children. Furthermore, privately-funded scholarships raise none of the concerns of state entanglement raised by publicly-funded vouchers.

There is no doubt that Americans will always spend generously on education, the question is, "who should control the education dollar—politicians and bureaucrats or the American people?" Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in placing control of education back in the hands of citizens and local communities by sponsoring the Education Improvement Tax Cut Act.

IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. Around the world, this global milestone is marked as a time to celebrate