

and personal resources. Although for the most part we were unsuccessful in encouraging these folks to obtain our public housing units, we provided clothing, bedding, meals and financial assistance where we could during the coldest times of the year.

“During the blizzard of 1978, we provided food, water, and medical supplies including prescription medications to our residents. Since motor vehicles were not permitted to be on the streets during this emergency we received special authorization to carry out our mission. We made the necessary arrangements with local family owned businesses to open their doors to us, extend credit, and provide emergency supplies so that we could bring sustenance to our residents.

“There have been so many important accomplishments over the years, each that impact our residents. It would not be possible to highlight them at this time.”

Mr. Hacker acknowledged the current members of the NHA Board of Commissioners for their commitment, dedication, and professional manner in which they have approached their positions. Howard Haywood, Rick Kronish, Mary Panaggio, Jeff Sacks, and Tom Turner have each made a difference in the lives of those under our umbrella. It is, after all, about those under our care. I am pleased with the recent appointment of Rick Kronish to our Board as the representative of organized labor. Rick’s background in finance and his affiliation with the New England Council of Carpenters will be an asset as the Newton Housing Authority moves forward.

“As I move into retirement, I am comfortable knowing that I have done the best job possible in my capacity of Executive Director. I leave the Newton Housing Authority with solid financial reserves, a caring and dedicated staff, and innovative and progressive programs in place. The overall excellent health of the Newton Housing Authority will afford my successor the ability to move forward with the strength to address the challenges that lie ahead.”

When asked to comment on Mr. Hacker’s retirement, NHA Chair Tom Turner stated, “Jonathan will be greatly missed. He has an amazing background and work ethic as well as 39 years of housing authority experience. I am hopeful that his relationship with the NHA can continue on some level going forward.”

Mr. Hacker plans to spend more time with his family, including two wonderful grandchildren, improving his golf game, enjoying the outdoors and developing new interests.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ROLAND SALCER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Captain Roland Salcer, the longest working policeman in Ohio’s history. Captain Salcer retired on January 1, 2011 from the Cleveland Heights Police Department after 60 years of dedicated service.

Born on December 27, 1924, Captain Roland Salcer was raised in East Cleveland and knew at an early age that he wanted to work as a policeman. Before achieving his goal of becoming a police officer, Captain Salcer served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army’s tank corps for three years during World War II. During his stint in the Army he fought in the historic Battle of the Bulge.

On January 1, 1951 Captain Salcer began his career with the Cleveland Heights Police Department as a third-class patrolman. For the past 33 years he has served as a captain. During his tenure with the Cleveland Heights Police Department, Captain Salcer formed Ohio’s first suburban police narcotics unit, played an integral role in a 1971 drug bust, and only used his firearm once. He has a stellar reputation as a reliable officer who has always treated people with dignity, fairness and respect. Not only is Captain Salcer the oldest and longest working police officer in Ohio’s history, he is also the second longest working officer in the country’s history.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Captain Roland Salcer. At the age of 86, Captain Salcer has served and protected the people of Cleveland Heights with courage for 60 years.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MINNESOTA TWINS PITCHER BERT BLYLEVEN

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Minnesota Twins pitcher and 2011 inductee into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, Mr. Bert Blyleven.

Mr. Blyleven pitched for 22 years at the major league level, including 11 seasons as a member of the Minnesota Twins. During his career, he amassed an astonishing 3,701 strikeouts and used his magnificent curveball to help pitch two teams to World Series victories, including the 1987 Minnesota Twins.

Since 1996, Bert has been a proud member of the television broadcasting team for the Minnesota Twins and has delighted hometown fans with his color commentary.

Mr. Blyleven is a mainstay of the Minnesota sports community and his election to the Hall of Fame is long overdue. He is hereby circled.

HONORING WILLIAM (BILL) NESMITH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William, Bill, Nesmith, who will retire from his position as Hillsborough County’s fire chief on January 15, 2011.

Mr. Nesmith has provided Hillsborough County with 41 years of service in the fire community. After spending 24 years with Tampa Fire Rescue, he joined the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue as assistant chief in 1994 and just 2 years later became fire chief.

Under his leadership, the Hillsborough County Fire Department merged with Hillsborough’s Emergency Medical Services to become Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, which he oversaw. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue saw immense growth after this, more than doubling its number of firefighters.

During Chief Nesmith’s tenure as Fire Chief, eight new fire stations were opened and

equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, he was instrumental in ensuring that all engines and ladders were staffed with paramedics, providing Hillsborough County’s residents with the highest level of pre-hospital care.

Mr. Nesmith has a quite impressive repertoire of accomplishments that coincide with his career. He was able to continue his formal education, receiving a bachelor in arts and a master in arts in industrial technology education from the University of South Florida. He served on numerous boards and committees, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association, and has been the recipient of the Harvey Grant Excellence in Rescue Award and Hillsborough County’s Distinguished Service Award.

Public servants like Mr. Nesmith keep our communities safe in our most pressing times of need. His talents will be missed, and I wish him the best in the future.

JAMES MANNING, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. James Manning, Jr., to the people of Neptune, NJ. Mr. Manning stepped down from his position on the Neptune Township Committee on January 1st of this year after 15 years of dedicated and uncompromised service to the people of his hometown and the people of Monmouth County and our great State of New Jersey.

As a lifelong resident of Neptune, Jim, as he is known to his friends, joined the Neptune Township Committee on January 1, 1996, as one of the youngest elected officials in the history of the Township. But this was not the first act of public service for Mr. Manning. Jim was already living the words of the great President Abraham Lincoln who said, “He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help.” By the time of his first successful election, he had already served on a number of municipal boards and worked in many campaigns and volunteer organizations. His election was recognition and reward for his service to the residents of the Township; recognition which was reinforced five more times as he continually won reelection no matter the political environment.

Mr. Manning during his 15 years of service was honored by his peers to act as mayor in 1998, 2003 and in 2007. He also served numerous times as deputy mayor and police commissioner and served on many boards as a governmental representative and liaison to departments such as Administration, Finance, Police, Courts and Public Safety as well as the Board of Health and Welfare. He also made great strides in increasing the service while controlling the costs associated with the Department of Public Works to which he served as liaison during his entire tenure on the Township Committee.

But as any great public servant, his service did not define him but was a compliment to the individual. A native of Neptune and son of Flo and James Manning, Sr., Jim worked for 12 years for Jersey Central Power and Light and today is employed serving the citizens of

the State of New Jersey in the Department of Labor in the area of Workforce Development. During his time with Jersey Central he also served his brothers and sisters in the labor movement for 5 years as the vice president of IBEW Local 1309.

Mr. Manning has two children, son Michael, 19, and daughter Melanie, who is 15, in whom he takes great pride. He also over the holidays asked Ms. Lori Davis to become his wife and join him as he embarks on this new phase of his life.

I know that though Jim has left elective office, he will not leave the service to the people of his hometown. I want to add my thanks to those of the citizens of Neptune Township for his years as a dedicated public servant and my best wishes for his continued success.

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CONGRATULATING THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM OF BYRON P. STEELE II HIGH SCHOOL IN CIBOLO, TEXAS

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the varsity football team of Byron P. Steele II High School in Cibolo, Texas on winning the 2010 University Interscholastic League 5A Division II Football State Championship. This is Steele High School's first state championship. The Steele Knights football team victoriously ended a long season on December 18, 2010 at Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

A crowd of more than 37,000 watched the Steele Knights varsity football team win 24–21 over the Wildcats of Denton Guyer High School. In their extremely competitive 14 win, two loss season, this outstanding football team proved that hard work, dedication, and skill are the perfect recipe for champions. These football players were led to the championship title through the tireless leadership of their head football coach, Mike Jinks and his commendable staff. I congratulate the educators and leaders of this superb team, including the leadership of athletic director Robert Lehnhoff. Key players on this team include Malcolm Brown, running back and Most Valuable Player during the championship game and Ryan Simmons, linebacker and Most Valuable Defensive Player during the championship game. Although these young players stood out during the final game, it was the hard work and commitment from the entire team that lead Steele to their first title. This is not only a victory for the players, students and faculty, but for the parents, community and fans as a whole.

Steele High School is part of the Schertz Cibolo Universal City Independent School District and opened in the fall of 2005. By 2006, this school set the area record for most wins by a new school and has continued this winning tradition since its inception.

I am honored to praise the accomplishments of Cibolo, Texas' home team, the Steele Knights varsity football team as the 5A Division II State Champion. Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLENE JOHNSON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing woman in the field of athletics, who represents our shared alma mater with tremendous leadership. Charlene Johnson is being honored by the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of South Carolina State University on January 16, 2011 for her 28 years of outstanding contributions to the University's Athletics Department. It is my honor to join my fellow alumni in applauding her great work.

Charlene Johnson is currently serving her seventh season as athletics director at South Carolina State University. After guiding the Department in an interim capacity in 2003, Johnson was elevated to the athletics director on a permanent basis in the spring of 2004. Her influence is being felt well beyond the Orangeburg campus. In 2007, Johnson became the first female to serve as chairperson of the Directors of Athletics in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. She has also served on several NCAA committees.

The 2010–11 athletic season marks Mrs. Johnson's 28th year as a member of the SC State Department of Athletics, making her one of just three athletics staff members with more than 25 years of service to the University's athletics department. During her tenure as director of athletics, three different SC State teams have brought home conference championships, with three earning NCAA tournament appearances. The Bulldog football team won the 2008 and 2009 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles and made back-to-back trips to the prestigious FCS playoffs, and was league Co-Champion in 2004.

The women's tennis team has won the last six MEAC tennis crowns and made as many appearances in the NCAA Tennis Championship, while the men's squad has earned six of the last seven MEAC titles and as many berths to the NCAA Tournament. Prior to being named director of athletics, Johnson served seven years as the senior woman administrator and associate athletic director for the university. During that time she helped usher in a new era in SC State Athletics, assisting in the planning, directing, and coordinating of all areas of the department of athletics.

Johnson began her illustrious career in athletics at SC State in 1983 when she became the first woman to be appointed to a full-time coaching position as an assistant on the Lady Bulldog basketball team. Since that time, she has served the university in a number of capacities, including head volleyball coach, head women's tennis coach, and assistant women's basketball coach. She also spent two terms as the school's interim director of athletics.

Johnson's success as a leader in athletics is grounded in her success as a player. On the basketball court she became a part of SC State history early on when, she helped the Lady Bulldogs capture the 1979 AIAW National Championship with a 73–68 win over Dayton in Fargo, North Dakota. After her playing career, Johnson continued to help her alma mater and the women's basketball program. As a member of the coaching staff, she was instrumental in keeping the Lady Bulldogs among the top teams in the Southeast.

In 1990, Johnson guided the Lady Bulldog volleyball team to its sole Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship, earning MEAC Coach of the Year honors for her efforts. She also earned MEAC Coach of the Year accolades for women's tennis in 1986.

In recognition of her efforts, Johnson was inducted into the SC State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998 as an administrator and received special recognition in 2000 as a member of the 1979 AIAW National Championship team. Mrs. Johnson, who earned both her bachelor's (1980) and master's (1987) from SC State, is married to Virgin Johnson, Jr., and they are the proud parents of two children: Taylor and Virgin (Trey) III.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the significant contributions of Charlene Johnson as an athlete, a coach and an athletics administrator. She has built an outstanding legacy at South Carolina State University, and is a trailblazing role model for women pursuing careers in university athletics. I congratulate her on a job well done and thank her on behalf of all South Carolina State alumni for her many contributions to the university.

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IN HONOR OF JUDGE JEAN MURRELL CAPERS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Judge Jean Murrell Capers, a courageous woman whose very productive life serves as example of what can be accomplished through determination and dedication.

Judge Capers will celebrate her 98th birthday on January 11, 2011. Her 98 years have been filled with selfless service to others.

From 1949 to 1956 she served on the Cleveland City Council, becoming the first African-American women elected to the city council of a major city. Between 1960 and 1964 she worked as assistant attorney general and from 1964 to 1966 she was special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General. In 1977, she was appointed as an Ohio Municipal Judge and was subsequently reelected to a 6 year term. Judge Capers fulfilled her campaign promises by assisting many black Clevelanders in finding positions with the city and by speaking out against injustice, including segregation in the local taxi cab industry. She continues today to work as an attorney with a special focus on elder law, advocating for victims of social injustice.

Judge Capers is one of the original members of the Women's Advisory Council of the Women's Division previously known as the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, now the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. In 1941, she won Cleveland's tennis championship which was organized by the city recreation department. She went on to teach health and physical education at Central High School and has worked throughout her life to support youth, encouraging them to strive to achieve academic and social success.

She was elected to the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1997. In 2010, she received a Cleveland Marshall College of Law honorary doctorate of laws degree, 64 years after graduating from that institution. That same year,