

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.

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.

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 woman 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,

she was named one of Cleveland's "Most Interesting People."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Judge Jean Murrell Capers.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL BREAKFAST**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, reminds us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our Nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. In particular, several distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District will be recognized during the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

This year, the Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to several local individuals who have for decades unselfishly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. Those individuals who will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast include: Karen Freeman-Wilson, the late Reverend Dr. Benjamin J. Holmes, Robert L. Nichols, Bishop Benjamin A. Sanders, William A. Shields, Ph.D., and Deputy Mayor Geraldine Tousant. Additionally, Martha Morgan Naylor will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award, an award given out annually to outstanding individuals of the Gary community. Ms. Johnnie Rogers will be recognized as the 2010 Frontier of the Year, which marks the first time a woman has been honored with this distinguished award.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers: President Oliver J. Gilliam, First Vice President Sean Jones, Second Vice President James Piggee, Treasurer/Seventh District Director Floyd Donaldson, Recording Secretary Melvin Ward, Financial Secretary Sam Frazier, and

Corresponding Secretary Ferba Hines, as well as Breakfast Chairman Clorius L. Lay, Videographer Otho Lyles, Master of Ceremony Clause Dowers, the honorees, and all other members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ALBERTO CARRILLO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Mr. Alberto Carrillo, Sr. a dedicated employee of the Office of Human Relations of Santa Clara County.

Prior to our election to the House of Representatives, I served 14 years on the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Clara and so I am well aware of the important work done by the County's Office of Human Relations. They work diligently with our extremely diverse community to build positive inter-group relations, to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to foster the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Alberto has worked tirelessly advocating for civil and human rights in our community. Both with the County and in his capacity as a community activist and volunteer, he has worked toward building opportunities in housing, employment, education, business and government for Santa Clara County's diverse community.

His experiences outside of the County speak to his dedication. He began his career with the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, held leadership positions in the Mexican-American Political Association, and has served on many non-profit boards of directors and advisory boards.

The Congress wishes Mr. Carrillo the very best as he continues this new chapter in his life in retirement.

**IN HONOR OF SARAH BRACHMAN'S
ADVOCACY FOR DOWN SYNDROME**

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Brachman, the National Down Syndrome Society's 2011 Advocate of the Year.

Sarah Brachman has interned countless hours for my office as well as our colleague Congressman BEN CHANDLER. Some of her duties have included, but not limited to, the expansion of membership for the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus while garnering support for legislation important to the caucus' initiatives. Sarah single-handedly recruited over 30 Members of Congress to join the caucus.

Sarah courageously speaks with individuals and groups about her daily life as an individual who lives with Down syndrome. As a direct re-

sult of Sarah's dedication and leadership, countless individuals have been educated on the concerns of the individuals with Down syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Sarah Brachman for her devoted service as an advocate for Down syndrome.

HONORING JOSE F. ALIAGA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Jose F. Aliaga for his outstanding work as a civil servant in his home country of Peru and the United States of America.

Jose Aliaga first arrived in the United States to pursue a college education at the University of Michigan, where he recently earned his diploma this past December. As a political science major, Mr. Aliaga learned about the democratic process in America and looked for ways to use this knowledge to strengthen the diplomatic and economic relationship between Peru and the United States. He worked to promote trade between America and Peru and led one of the first trade missions from the United States prior to the Free Trade Agreement.

In addition to his diplomatic work, Jose Aliaga has continued to further his role as a leader to children in Latin America. He founded the Aliaga Foundation to provide impoverished children in the jungle of Peru with books, pencils, food and medicine and continues to foster positive relations between the United States and Peru by promoting student exchanges between universities.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jose F. Aliaga. I commend Mr. Aliaga on his dedication to strengthening ties between America and Peru. He is to be applauded for his continuous contribution to the lives of children in Latin America.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KENNETH
PRINGLE**

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 Mr. Kenneth Pringle, mayor of Belmar, New Jersey. Mr. Pringle will be retiring from his position as mayor after serving for 20 years. Surrounded by family, friends and colleagues, Mr. Pringle's efforts and dedication will be recognized at an awards dinner on January 22, 2011. This celebration is well-deserved in light of Mayor Pringle's 20 years of service as an admirable public servant to the constituents of Belmar.

Mayor Pringle has served as the mayor of Belmar from 1990 through 2010. The longest serving mayor of Belmar, Mr. Pringle is a staunch advocate for environmental issues and maintaining clean beaches. He has successfully sought the implementation of a smoke-free policy along the beaches in