

local churches offer HIV testing as a regular activity nationwide. As a result, the visionary leadership of these women undoubtedly has saved thousands of lives through these health interventions.

Finally, it does not escape me that I am honoring these three great women during Women's History Month whose theme, "Our History is Our Strength," pays tribute to the millions of women who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations. These women are continuing the tradition of the great women who came before them by standing up and taking action to address one of the pressing issues of our day and to improve the health of African Americans today and in the future. Unfortunately, many of the women who are deserving of recognition remain un-named and unknown. We cannot let the same occur to these three trailblazing women. Thus, it is my honor on behalf of the women of this body, the Congressional Black Caucus and the entire Congress of the United States to recognize the tremendous work and leadership of Dr. Elnora Hamb, Dr. Barbara Shaw and Dr. Jamesina Evans and thank them for their selfless service to their congregants and their transformative work to eliminate health disparities in the African American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on Monday and I wish to state for the RECORD how I would have voted had I been present:

Rollcall No. 175—"yes."
Rollcall No. 176—"yes."

ED SAJBEL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Sajbel of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Sajbel is an integral part of Pueblo's art community and will showcase his work in an "introspective Retrospective" display this spring. Though the display is a testament to Mr. Sajbel's artistic abilities, his greatest success has been nurturing a strong artistic community in Pueblo and the aspiring artists of the area.

From an early age, Mr. Sajbel loved to draw, a hobby that quickly earned him recognition. After a brief furlough in the U.S. Coast Guard, he returned to Pueblo to attend Pueblo Community College. He eventually transferred to the University of Northern Colorado to become a teacher, which allowed him to pursue his career in art while also guiding youngsters with a similar passion. Mr. Sajbel went on to teach at Colorado State University-Pueblo for over thirty years. His success can be measured by the exponential growth of Pueblo's artistic community.

Mr. Sajbel did not limit his guidance only to the classroom. He created and served on a

number of boards and councils in Pueblo meant to foster the growth of the arts, including the Colorado Arts and Humanities Council. He also developed grants for artists in the area and put on shows featuring their work.

Mr. Speaker, the impact that Ed Sajbel has had on the arts in his community is profound and it is an honor to recognize him today. There is no doubt that he will continue to inspire young artists while he pursues his own creative passion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 21ST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CONNOLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Youth Oratorical Contest hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an indelible mark on the way Americans engage in civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

The MLK Youth Oratorical contestants pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This is a skill inseparable from their character and will serve them well as they tackle leadership opportunities and build personal relationships.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants of the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Youth Oratorical Contest:

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTESTANTS

Hannah Wied—Pennington School
Jacob Gonzalez—Parkside Middle School
Jawuanna McAllister—Stonewall Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTANTS

Seth Opoku-Yeboah—Osbourne Park High School
Alice Gyamfi—C.D. Hylton High School
Attiqah Syeda—Gar-Field High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commanding Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

A TRIBUTE TO NANETTE FISH, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year,

we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today I pay tribute to Nanette Fish of Temple City, an extraordinary woman of California's 29th congressional district. A 26-year Temple City resident, Nanette's passion for volunteerism is evident in the countless organizations to which she has donated her time and energy and she has made the city of Temple City a better place to live.

Nanette began volunteering with Temple City's schools in the early 1990s, when her children were young. She served on the Executive Boards of the local PTAs, the Temple City Youth Football Board, the Temple City High School Ramrodders Football Executive Board, and the Temple City American Little League Board. In addition, Ms. Fish was a "Team Mom" for Temple City Youth Cheer, AYSO Soccer, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, Junior Girls Softball and Youth Football, served as Chairperson and Member of the Cloverly Elementary School Site Council, volunteered for 5 years on the High School Grad Nite Committee, and was a Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Parent/Community Committee member for Temple City High School. In 2010, she received the Temple City Unified School District's Temple City High School VIP Volunteer Award.

Currently, Ms. Fish, employed as the Temple City Camellia Festival Director, finds time to volunteer for several organizations including the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Saint Luke Catholic Church and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, where she serves on the Miss Temple City Pageant Committee, and the chamber's Golf Tournament Committee. In 2009 and 2010 she received the chamber's Community Service Award. In addition, Nanette is a Temple City Parks and Recreation Commissioner and enjoys participating in various fundraising walks for cancer awareness.

Nanette and her husband, Kevin, have been married for 26 years and have 2 children, Cameron and Lainie.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of my district, Nanette Fish, for her selfless service to the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority over deploying the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining final authority. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District of Columbia should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states. Each governor, as head of state, has the authority to mobilize the National Guard to protect his or her state, just as local militia did historically. The National

Guards in the 50 states operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President and the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard currently have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for local and national purposes, respectively. Today, the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to nationalize the D.C. National Guard at will. It does no harm to give the mayor this authority for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the mobilization and deployment of their National Guard, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District of Columbia, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District of Columbia, as head of state, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of homeland defense activities. My bill requires that the mayor only deploy the D.C. National Guard after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District of Columbia. Congress itself began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority to the District of Columbia. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HEROES OF THE BATTLE OF CRETE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to honor and recognize the heroes of the Battle of Crete and commend the PanCretan Association of America for preserving and promoting the history of Crete and its people.

During the Battle of Crete in May 1941, Allied forces and the people of Crete joined together to fight against an advancing Nazi army. Although unsuccessful in defeating the Nazi invaders, this coalition of forces inflicted enormous casualties to the airborne Nazi assault, resulting in more than 3,700 German troops killed and the destruction of multiple transport aircraft. In addition to these losses, the Allied forces were able to hold off the Nazi victory long enough to ensure that the German army would face a harsh and destructive winter as it proceeded to Russia.

This resolution observes the memory of the brave men and women who perished and honors the living that fought in the Battle of Crete.

TRIBUTE TO THE NOVI WILDCATS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Ice Hockey team from Novi High School. On March 12, 2011 the Novi Wildcats won the first state championship in the team's 13 year history with a 4-0 shutout over the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Eaglets.

Following a successful regular season in the Central Division of the Kensington Conference in the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association the Wildcats claimed both the division and conference titles before narrowly dropping the KLAA crown to the Lakes Conference champion, Howell by a slim 4-3 margin.

Novi's first pre-regional game, played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, produced a 6-0 win against South Lyon and paved the way to play long time rival Detroit Catholic Central in their 2nd pre-regional matchup. The Wildcats squeaked by the Shamrocks in a hard fought contest, winning 4-3. Moving on to regional competition the Wildcats savored the chance to avenge the earlier loss KLAA nemesis Howell. This time Novi iced the Highlanders 3-0, happy to let Howell have the KLAA trophy as the Wildcats pursued the bigger prize.

Head Coach Todd Krygier's skaters advanced to quarterfinal action at Perani Arena in Flint. This matchup pitted brother against brother as Todd Krygier's Wildcats decimated younger brother Bryan Krygier's Clarkston Wolves, 9-1. Coach Krygier along with Assistant Coaches Jim Lewis and Travis Malott brought the Green and White back to Compuware to face off against Lake Orion in the semi-final round. The Wildcats didn't allow the Dragons a goal and came away with a 3-0 win.

Advancing to the championship, Novi met the storied Orchard Lake St. Mary's on the ice for the first time ever. The Wildcats convincingly rose to their final challenge and soared to a 4-0 victory raising the Division 1 trophy in triumph.

Mr. Speaker, with a regular season record of 24-5-1, the Wildcats carried an astounding 171 goals while giving up only 61 and a play-off run of 6-0 with 29 Goals compared to 4 for their opponents, the 2011 Novi Wildcats deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wildcats for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the City of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They well deserve recognition for their generous and humane extension of a

helping hand to their sister city, Gotemba, Japan.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those in Japan who are coping with the aftermath of a truly tragic disaster. We stand in support of our friends and allies in Japan who are doing everything they can to recover from the devastating earthquake and tsunami.

In my district, the Mayor of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Pete Lagiovane, announced this week that his city will offer assistance to their sister city in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami that has devastated Japan. While fortunately the people of Gotemba were not as severely impacted as those in the northeast part of Japan, they are dealing with heavy hearts for their friends, families, and countrymen as well as serious disruptions to their power supply and transportation system.

Mayor Lagiovane has offered assistance in a joint effort to assist Gotemba in providing relief to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. He put forward the idea of starting a local relief fund with the proceeds going to Gotemba to disburse as they see fit.

Chambersburg and Gotemba have been sister cities for 50 years. Their relationship started when a Japanese student at Penn Hall and Wilson College returned home after World War II. The student wanted to maintain a bond with Chambersburg, so she and her son came back and conducted several meetings with the city council and established a sister city relationship in 1960. The two cities have exchanged visits every 5 years since then.

The spirit of sisterhood and love between these two cities—separated by thousands of miles and a vast ocean—encapsulate the attitude we should all have toward our fellow man. I commend Chambersburg for their selfless attitude and generosity.

WISHING THE UW MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today is St. Patrick's Day—a day that is universally associated with good luck. Calling on my Irish heritage, I would like to convey continued good luck to the University of Washington men's basketball team. This past weekend they won the Pac-10 Championship and tomorrow they seek to continue their run in the NCAA tournament when they open against the University of Georgia.

Good luck and go Dawgs.

HONORING NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding service The National Exchange Club provides the citizens of Dallas County, Texas.

The National Exchange Club, a service organization with 700 clubs and approximately