

personalities and their love of the arts, but their shared experiences of social oppression and their dreams of a better future for their people. Though free, famous, with powerful friends, living in the world of Russian aristocracy, neither seemed able to forget his past, the plight of his people.

Those who wrote about their friendship noted that they often sang together. Aldridge greatly appreciated the sorrowful and melodic Ukrainian songs that captured the unfortunate plight of the people of Ukraine. Shevchenko, in turn, loved the songs of the Negro South, no doubt to great extent for the same reasons.

When Aldridge returned to England, he took with him a portrait of Shevchenko by a Russian artist. Aldridge returned to Russia several years later but by then Shevchenko had passed away. Between 1861 and 1866, Aldridge made several tours of the tsarist empire including three trips to Ukraine, to Shevchenko's homeland, trips that had been denied to the great poet, artist, and patriot. Ira Aldridge never returned to the United States, however, he did live to know of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War.

Both of these men, historic giants in their artistic fields and in their messages about the struggles of mankind for dignity and the perseverance of individuals, died on foreign soil far from their homelands. Aldridge's body remains in Poland. Eventually, Shevchenko's body was returned to Ukraine from Russia. Their unique friendship remains a story for the ages; it is fitting that among the monuments to their lives and contributions there are the two in Washington, DC, just two and a half miles apart. A friendship that brought them together thousands of miles from here, eventually finds them in the capital of Aldridge's native land, respected and honored, with Shevchenko's question still unanswered: when will Ukraine get its "new and righteous law?"

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2011 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards.

The Dale City Civic Association was founded in 1967. Citizens formed the organization to give a voice to community initiatives and collective action in Dale City. Today, the organization's purpose is to represent the interests of the residents of Dale City in a manner that benefits the entire community. Members do this with robust beautification efforts, land use advocacy and volunteer responses to community needs.

The Association hosts an annual awards banquet to honor individuals and organizations that show an exceptional devotion to their community and public service. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards:

High School Teacher of the Year: Major William Brannen.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Amy Crotty.

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Terri Faulkner.

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year: Alexis Simpson.

Youth Environmental and Conservation Scholarship: Shaila Bills.

Kathie Feeney Nurse of the Year: Gail D. Russell.

Prince William County Police Department, Police Officer of the Year: Officer Dave Endrizzi.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Officer of the Year: Captain Linda Wortham.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Sergeant. Dennis Oden.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Tinashe Banda.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Cadet of the Year: Michael Cajayon.

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Lieutenant Chris Eddy.

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Firefighter of the Year: Technician I Andrew Marsh.

Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Deputy Timothy Angels, Master Deputy Wayland Thompson.

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Susan Canfield.

Kathleen K. Seefeldt Community Service Award: Timothy J. Rupert.

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Award: Lillian Garland.

Business of the Year: DEP Copying and Printing Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the winners of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards for their dedication to building and maintaining a healthy community. Each recipient has made an impact on Dale City, and with these awards we hope to show them that their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. ANA MARIA GRACE, 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 Dr. Ana Maria Grace of South Pasadena. As a physician, Dr. Grace has dedicated her career to helping individuals and patients in need, in addition to assisting them in attaining a better understanding of various medical conditions.

Dr. Grace discovered her passion for helping others at an early age. Upon receiving a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from California State University, Fullerton, she went on to attend medical school at the University of Wisconsin. Ana completed her residency at the University of Southern California and the University of Arizona.

Currently, Dr. Grace is an attending physician at two locations. She works in the Cecilia Gonzalez De La Hoya Cancer Center at White

Memorial Medical Center, WMMC, and at the Radiation Oncology Services at Albert C. Mak, M.D., Inc. In addition to being a dedicated physician, Ana simultaneously has various roles within her profession. She is currently a member of the WMMC Cancer Committee, serving as the committee's chairperson since 2008, and Director of WMMC's Cancer Center.

Dr. Grace's primary focus has been senior citizens and the Spanish speaking population. As a committee member of WMMC's Senior Center, Dr. Grace has helped with setting outreach and service goals which have included making presentations to senior citizens regarding cancer awareness, screening and prevention. With her Spanish speaking skills, Dr. Grace has also been able to communicate medical information about common malignancies to the public, with the ultimate goal of reducing the risk for cancer and emphasizing early diagnosis. On Spanish news stations such as Univision, Telemundo, and Azteca Dr. Grace has discussed various topics such as cancer awareness, and the effects of second-hand smoking.

The list of Dr. Grace's public presentations is impressive. Since 2005, in addition to appearing on television interviews, Ana has lectured at nursing homes and at health fairs where she has spoken about lung cancer, breast cancer, and colon cancer awareness and prevention. Dr. Grace also holds professional society memberships with the Los Angeles Radiological Society, American Medical Association, and Glendale Adventist Medical Center Cancer Committee, among others.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Ana Maria Grace, for her exceptional service to the community.

2011 BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Brain Awareness Week (BAW) and the benefits of this informative week in educating students on brain science in my congressional district and across the country. Brain Awareness Week, launched in 1996, brings together the Society for Neuroscience, the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and 2400 other organizations in 76 countries which share a common goal of improving public awareness of brain and nervous system research.

During Brain Awareness Week, which is being held March 14–20, neuroscientists around the world educate K–12 students, senior citizens and the public at large on the wonders of the human brain. These activities include tours of neuroscience laboratories, museum exhibitions and classroom discussions on elements of the human brain. In my congressional district, Shawnee High School in Medford Township will recognize Brain Awareness Week during their 6th annual Brain Day on March 24. High school students enrolled in the psychology course will be displaying interactive exhibits and explaining functions of the brain to their community. Today, in recognition

of Brain Awareness Week, I would like to highlight a devastating neurological condition that affects millions of Americans: Alzheimer's disease.

As a former board member of the Delaware Valley Alzheimer's Association, I know firsthand the burden Alzheimer's disease places on families in my congressional district, our healthcare system and our local and national economies. Alzheimer's disease is not only an emerging problem in the United States, but around the globe. As the world population grows and life expectancies rise, the number of people suffering from age-related neurological diseases like Alzheimer's may skyrocket. According to the National Institutes of Health, experts suggest that between 2.6 million and 5.1 million Americans 65 years and older may suffer from the disease, with annual treatment costs estimated to exceed \$100 billion. However, research is paving the way to promising new treatments, providing hope for millions.

With age as the biggest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, health officials estimate that due to the aging of the population, its prevalence could triple by 2050 if progress is not made. These forecasts make unraveling the mystery of Alzheimer's disease all the more important. While scientific research has brought us a long way, we still have a long way to go. Every day, neuroscientists are working to better understand and to treat this debilitating and terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, is Alzheimer's disease preventable? Neuroscientists are not sure. But because it typically strikes later in life, they recognize that even delaying disease onset by several years would greatly limit the harmful effects of its reach. Achieving this goal will require the efforts of a global community of scientists and clinicians, sensitive to both similarities and unique needs of patients around the world. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week and the outstanding contributions the field of neuroscience is making to uncover the mysteries of brain-based diseases such as Alzheimer's disease.

VIRGINIA DESIGNATES ANNUAL "CANCER PREVENTION DAY"

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to my colleagues' attention recent action in the Virginia General Assembly to designate February 4, 2011, and in each succeeding year, as "Cancer Prevention Day" in Virginia.

The Virginia Senate joint resolution introduced by Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel, who represents many constituents from the 10th congressional district, reads:

"Whereas, cancer is the leading cause of death around the world; and

"Whereas, during the 10-year period from 1995 to 2004, the rate of new cancer cases in Virginia increased by 10 percent; and

"Whereas, the most common cancers in Virginia—prostate, lung, and colorectal for men and breast, lung, and colorectal for women—are also among the most preventable; and

"Whereas, the 2008–2012 Virginia Cancer Plan developed by the Virginia Cancer Plan

Action Coalition contains specific goals and strategies related to prevention in the hopes of reducing the rates of cancer in Virginians; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, that the General Assembly designate February 4, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Cancer Prevention Day in Virginia."

I applaud Senator Vogel for her efforts to raise awareness in the Commonwealth on the fight against cancer, and also salute our mutual constituent Bill Couzens of Middleburg, founder and president of the nonprofit Next Generation Choices Foundation and the Less Cancer Campaign, who worked with Senator Vogel in the effort to secure passage of the resolution in the state legislature. As she noted, "The more energy and resources that we direct toward awareness, education and prevention, the more lives we save."

QUILEUTE TRIBE TSUNAMI PROTECTION ACT

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Quileute Tribe Tsunami Protection Act. This legislation will provide Park Service land to the Quileute Tribe to enable the re-location of many facilities outside the tsunami zone. The tragic events in Japan that we have sadly witnessed over the last week illustrate the need for this legislation.

The threat of tsunamis is a harsh reality that the Quileutes face every day. The Tribe lives on a one-square mile reservation along the Pacific coast of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. It is a spectacularly beautiful place. Many of you, or at least your children or grandchildren, recognize the Quileute Tribe from the Twilight series of novels and movies.

But there is nothing romantic about the tsunami threat. Much of the Tribe's infrastructure, including a day care center, the elder center, government offices and Quileute Tribal members', homes are in the direct path of a potential tsunami. In addition, the Tribe faces a nearly annual flood threat from the Quillayute River.

The purpose of this legislation is to help the Quileutes move their people and buildings to safer land. The Olympic National Park would transfer land that is out of the tsunami zone to the Tribe for the development of new infrastructure.

The legislation also settles a long-standing dispute between the Olympic National Park and the Tribe over the northern boundary of the Reservation. The resolution of this dispute benefits the Tribe, the Park Service and the general public. The bill also guarantees access for the public to some of the most beautiful Washington State beaches, and will designate as wilderness thousands of acres currently in the Olympic National Park.

I want to thank the Quileute Tribe, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis and Olympic National Park Superintendent Karen Gustin for their hard work over many years to resolve this dispute and provide safer land for the Tribe.

I ask my colleagues to consider the present danger to the Quileute Tribe and to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF ARMY CORPORAL LOREN MILES BUFFALO

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero who died in service to this great country. On March 9, 2011, U.S. Army Corporal Loren Miles Buffalo was killed in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. According to initial reports, Cpl. Buffalo died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol.

Cpl. Loren Buffalo, 20, of Mountain Pine, Arkansas, was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His mother resides in Ward, Arkansas, and his father resides in Mountain Pine, Arkansas.

Cpl. Buffalo joined the Army in May 2009. He had a passion for learning and for music and was always willing to help those around him. From playing his guitar to organizing the delivering of presents for the Salvation Army, Cpl. Buffalo left a lasting impact on everyone he met. As a dedicated soldier and as a great American, he made this nation a better and safer place to call home. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

When we think of inspiring leaders and American patriots, each of us should look to the too short life of Cpl. Buffalo for guidance. He risked everything to defend freedom and serve this nation and we will always be grateful for his selfless sacrifice. My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents and the rest of his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Army Corporal Loren Miles Buffalo, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces, and all of those in harm's way supporting their efforts, who give the ultimate sacrifice in service to this great country. We owe them our eternal gratitude.

THE HOME AFFORDABLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM TERMINATION ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 839, the Home Affordable Modification Program Termination Act.

The Home Affordable Modification Program is designed to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure by providing homeowners with financially responsible and affordable loans.

The program provides incentives to loan investors and servicers in consideration for the loan modifications, and incentives for homeowners to continue to make on-time payments.

At the end of January, there were 539,493 homeowners with permanent Home Affordable Modification Program loan modifications.