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I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Carol Naomi Tanita, for her outstanding service to the community.

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE
LIFE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL
ALVIN D. UNGERLEIDER

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 honor and celebrate the life of a true American hero, Brigadier General (RETD) Alvin D. Ungerleider who recently passed away at the age of 89.

General Ungerleider honorably served our country in uniform for 36 years, beginning when he was drafted in November, 1942. He received his commission and was assigned to the 115th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division of the National Guard. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, at the age of 22, then Lieutenant Ungerleider led 50 men into battle on the beaches of Omaha.

The Invasion of Normandy changed the course of World War II and of history. During the intense fighting in the opening days of the Normandy invasion, Lt. Ungerleider was wounded twice. He reluctantly left the battlefield for only two weeks to recover from his wounds, and then returned to continue fighting throughout France and into Germany. He led his men through minefields and joined the battles to free the town of St. Laurent-sur-Mer and the city of Brest from Nazi occupation.

Nearly one year later, during the spring of 1945, Lt. Ungerleider received orders to capture part of an industrial complex and liberate Dora-Mittelbau, a slave labor concentration camp that was a subcamp of Nordhausen prison. In April, 1945, after taking heavy fire from the Nazi soldiers guarding the prison, Lt. Ungerleider and his men liberated the camp. Years later, General Ungerleider said that although he had become battle hardened, nothing had prepared him for what he encountered at Nordhausen. To quote General Ungerleider, "We thought we had entered the gates of hell."

At Nordhausen, he and his men freed approximately 300 prisoners, most of whom he described as "living skeletons." He and his men shared the small amount of food that they had with the prisoners. Lt. Ungerleider then led them in reciting Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead. Only then did the prisoners accept that the horror of the Nazi death camp had ended.

General Ungerleider continued serving our country in the United States Army for several more decades, in times of both war and peace. He commanded an armored tank unit during the Korean War and a Tactical Unit during the war in Vietnam, where he spent his free time working with a Vietnamese orphanage. Later in his military career, he com-

manded the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and eventually retired in 1978.

In recognition of his distinguished military service, General Ungerleider received three Legion of Merit awards, the Four Chaplains Award, 2 Bronze Stars for bravery and meritorious service, and a Purple Heart. While commanding at Aberdeen, he established Equal Opportunity programs, and he was recognized by the Secretary of the Army and the NAACP for these innovations. The Brigadier General also received decorations from the Korean and Vietnamese governments, and he is one of only 99 Americans to be awarded the French Legion of Honor for his role in D-Day and the eventual liberation of France.

On June 6, 1994, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, General Ungerleider was selected to escort President Clinton at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer in Normandy France. There he walked alongside the President and together they laid a wreath to honor all who fought and died to liberate Europe.

As committed as General Ungerleider was to serving our country, he was equally committed to his family, Jewish faith, and community. He was a loving and devoted husband to Ruth Golden Ungerleider for more than 66 years, a dedicated father to Neil, Ilene and Daniel, and a doting grandfather to his grandchildren. In 1955 while still on active duty stationed in Monterey, CA, he started that city's very first Jewish Sunday School. He worked with the Jewish Welfare Board to find new homes in America and Palestine for displaced Jews. The National Holocaust Museum recognizes the 29th Infantry as Liberators due to the efforts of General Ungerleider and the men he led in Europe.

He was also active in his temple, Olam Tikvah, and served for 8 years as an administrator, helping to build the membership of the temple and increase its involvement in the community.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Bruce Waxman, an officer of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227 and a member of Congregation Olam Tikvah, for bringing the extraordinary contributions of General Ungerleider to my attention.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Brigadier General Alvin D. Ungerleider and in expressing our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Often we hear a person described as a hero, but rarely does that moniker fit as well as it does in this case. General Ungerleider dedicated his life to serving his country, his family, his faith, and his community. He rightfully earned the appreciation and respect of all Americans for his lifetime of honorable service to our nation, as well as the gratitude of many others around the globe who owe their lives and their quality of life to this true American hero.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT
BLOOD THINNERS AND POTENTIAL RISKS TO PATIENTS

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a constituent of mine, Shannon

Elizabeth Mudd from Mt. Sterling Kentucky, who died due to complications from treatment she received by medical personnel who were not aware of an underlying medical condition and the use of blood thinners. Shannon was 17 years old and today would have been her 19th birthday. Mr. Speaker, this tragedy should prompt us to look more closely at protecting people who use anti-coagulant drugs to treat blood clots and deep vein thrombosis (DVT). It is my hope that more awareness and better labeling might help prevent what happened to Shannon from happening to other patients on anti-coagulant drugs.

Shannon was diagnosed on September 4, 2009 with neuroendocrine carcinoma, a rare form of cancer, and was beginning to respond well to new treatments when a visit to her doctor revealed she had deep vein thrombosis (DVT), or a blood clot, in her chest. Rather than put Shannon through an invasive procedure, her doctor instead prescribed an anti-coagulant drug used to treat DVT. Like any anti-coagulant drug, the medication included a warning that there was a risk of severe bleeding associated with it. However, the medication warning did not alert her to the risk associated with internal bleeding that could become life threatening if a minor injury were left untreated.

When Shannon received some encouraging news about her cancer prognosis, she went to lunch with her father to celebrate. While at the restaurant, Shannon fell and hit her head. Because her father was not informed of the danger of internal bleeding associated with the drug Shannon had been taking, paramedics were not made aware of her history with the anti-clotting medication. Since it appeared it was a minor injury, Shannon was not taken to the hospital. Later that day, Shannon complained of dizziness and exhibited signs of a stroke. Her father called 911 and Shannon was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where emergency physicians began treating her for massive brain hemorrhaging. By this time, little could be done for Shannon and she slipped into a coma. Shannon passed away almost a month later and just 5 weeks shy of her 18th birthday.

In memory of her daughter, Shannon's mother, Angela Visone Mudd, took up the cause of educating the public about the risk of traumatic brain injury associated with anti-coagulant drugs and minor head injury. Ms. Mudd developed bands for patients taking these medications to wear, communicating the risk of internal or external bleeding to medical personnel in the event of an accident.

Shannon was taken from her family much too soon. I applaud Shannon's mother and her many supporters for their courage and efforts to help other families avoid the same tragic set of circumstances that ultimately led to Shannon's death a year ago. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that through sharing Shannon's story, more tragedies like this can be prevented and more lives saved.

SPOKANE VALLEY REMEMBERS
BOB McCASLIN

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of my friend Bob

McCaslin, an outstanding leader for the Spokane Valley, who sadly passed away on March 13. Bob was one of my colleagues in the Washington State Legislature—a place where he proudly served for thirty years—and I can personally testify that he was one of our most well-liked, well-respected members. He will be dearly missed.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Bob McCaslin graduated from Washington State University, worked for Kaiser Aluminum and later owned a real estate firm. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1980 and was re-elected easily every four years, sometimes with only token opposition. While there, he opposed most tax increases and supported most efforts to shrink state government.

He also earned a reputation for being “the master of a well-timed story or joke,” as Senate Minority Leader Mike Hewitt recently told our local newspaper, the Spokane Spokesman-Review. “Bob was always the one who, when things were going badly in caucus, could get things calmed down. He’d tell a little story.”

At the start of this year’s session, Bob was the longest serving Republican State Senator. However, Bob resigned his seat in January due to ill health. He continued serving, however, as a Spokane Valley city councilman. News of his passing was greeted with sadness by the Spokane Valley community and also by his many friends in Olympia and throughout Washington State—regardless of party.

Bob McCaslin was a great leader and his passing is a great loss for Eastern Washington. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bob’s memory and to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

THE MARINE DEBRIS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS OF 2011

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the bipartisan the Marine Debris Act Reauthorization Amendments of 2011 which was introduced earlier today by my friend and colleague Congressman SAM FARR, from California. I sponsored similar legislation in the 111th Congress and I commend Congressman FARR for recognizing the importance of this legislation and his efforts toward its reintroduction.

Marine debris comes in many forms and from many sources, each posing as a threat to birds, fish and other wildlife, while also affecting navigational safety, and polluting our beaches. Once passed, this legislation will serve to reduce the adverse impacts marine debris has on our marine ecosystem, the economy, and public safety. NOAA’s existing Marine Debris Program supports important projects throughout the country, including beach cleanups, derelict fishing gear location and removal, and educational campaigns. Oftentimes these projects will enlist the assistance of out-of-season fishermen and other members of coastal communities. The program helps to locate and track marine debris to avoid threats to navigational safety. This re-

authorizing language would serve to streamline these programs by avoiding any overlaps or conflicts with other federal agencies.

NOAA’s Marine Debris Program directly benefits the environment and the economy of coastal communities throughout the nation. Our fisheries, recreation, and tourism industries are dependent on clean beaches and healthy marine ecosystems.

Guam would greatly benefit from the passage of the Marine Debris Reauthorization as it would give states and local communities the additional tools we need to effectively protect our marine environments and wildlife. Again, I would like to thank Representative FARR for introducing this legislation, as well as Rep. DON YOUNG, Rep. DANA ROHRBACHER, Rep. DONNA CHRISTENSEN, and Rep. PEDRO PIERLUISI for joining me as original cosponsors. I encourage my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was detained from voting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. If present, I would have voted “yea” on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 183, rollcall 184, rollcall 185, rollcall 186, and rollcall 187.

I would have voted “nay” on the following rollcall vote: rollcall 188.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote number 175 on H.R. 793, and rollcall vote number 176 on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 27. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on both votes.

IN HONOR OF GREG DAVIS, CEO OF DAVIS BROADCASTING, INC.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great organization and two friends of long-standing, Greg and Cheryl Davis. Davis Broadcasting began Twenty-Five years ago with a vision and determination to make the world a better place to live. But, to understand where Davis Broadcasting is today, you have to understand the man behind the vision.

Greg Davis was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, and went on to faithfully serve in the United States Army. He later furthered his education and received his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University.

The scripture says in proverbs that: “Trust the lord with all your heart, and lean not

on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path.” Greg Davis has always kept God in the forefront of his life. God directed his path to find a life partner who stood with him in his life’s work. And that in turn led to birth of his three children: Geniece, Michelle, and Greg, Jr.

God also directed his path from a Community School Director in Michigan to a 37-year career in T.V. and Radio Broadcasting. He began his career in broadcasting, spending 12 years in marketing and sales management. His television career took him from Flint Michigan to Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Detroit; concluded in Cincinnati, Ohio as General Sales Manager of Multimedia Broadcasting.

He started Davis Broadcasting, Inc. in June of 1986 by acquiring radio stations in Columbus and Augusta, Georgia. Most people would have been happy with these two stations, but Mr. Davis wanted to expand his presence in radio by reaching diverse audiences all across the country. He went on to purchase stations in Macon, Georgia, Columbus, Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2000, he sold the radio stations in Charlotte and Augusta to expand his operations in the Columbus community that he has grown to love.

His radio stations touch the lives of all people from all walks of life. The different music genres that his stations encompass include urban contemporary, gospel contemporary, music focused on the Hispanic population and sports. His station WFXE-FM, better known to all of us as Foxie 105 has remained as the number one Arbitron rated radio station in the Columbus media market for 24 of the 25 years it has existed.

Finally, Greg and Cheryl Davis and Davis Broadcasting have given back to their community with service on numerous community boards. The Company also puts on annual events such as the Family Day in the Parks and the Needy Children’s Christmas party, which provides three to four thousand needy children with a gift at Christmas. They truly understand the words of Shirley Chisholm when she said that, “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.”

Mr. Speaker it gives me great pleasure to stand before you to honor the legacy of Greg and Cheryl Davis and the 25-year legacy of Davis Broadcasting—a legacy that endures, and whose best days are yet to come.

HONORING REV. DR. HENRY THOMAS SIMMONS

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a respected leader in my community, Rev. Dr. Henry Thomas Simmons, who is celebrating twenty years of dedicated service to the St. Albans Congregational Church in my district.

Since March 1, 1991, Dr. Simmons has served as Senior Minister of the St. Albans Congregational Church in St. Albans, New York. Under his visionary leadership the congregation has grown from 400 to 1,200 active