

reached boot camp in the summer of 1981, she served as Platoon Guide and was nominated and competed for Trainee of the Cycle, a highly competitive title.

During SFC Amaro's career, she has collected many honors for exceptional service. She received her first medal while serving at Fort Benjamin Harrison; this honor was followed by ten other awards. Her decorations, including the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, show a rare level of dedication to our nation.

Shortly after returning from Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, SFC Amaro was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on November 1, 1982. She dedicated 13 years of service, eight active, in the 86th ARCOM before being promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferring to the 85th Training Division in Arlington Heights in 1993.

Not only has SFC Amaro been selfless in her service to this country, she simultaneously managed the competing demands of motherhood. In 1996, she transferred away from active duty to the Individual Ready Reserve so she could be home full time to care for her daughters Christina, Catherine, and Jacqueline. She then returned to the Army Reserves four years later to serve another ten years before retirement.

In that time, she served as the Senior Human Resource NCO for the 1st Brigade, 85th Division at Fort Sheridan, and as the Operations NCO for the Emergency Operations Center for the 416th Theater Engineer Command in Darien, Illinois. On December 10, 2010, exactly thirty years from her recruitment date, SFC Amaro completed her last day of service, marking twenty years of active duty and ten years in the reserves.

If SFC Amaro's military career were not enough of an achievement on its own, she has been a devoted mother of three, engaged in her community and children's schools, and remained an active parishioner at St. Leonard's church in Berwyn, Illinois.

Please join me in thanking SFC Amaro for a career of service to the United States and wishing her a long and happy retirement. She is truly an inspiration and a great American. I am proud to have SFC Amaro as a constituent and a fellow resident of the 3rd District.

IN HONOR OF JOHN M. GILLIS OF
QUINCY, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John M. Gillis, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of Quincy, Massachusetts, and to commend him for over fifty years of dedicated service to his community.

John was born on May 16, 1925, in Quincy, Massachusetts. He graduated from Quincy High School in 1942, where he served as captain of his football team. Subsequent to his graduation, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He served with distinction in the South Pacific during World War II from 1943–1946. Upon completion of his service, John enrolled at Northeastern University, graduating

in 1951. He served as captain of the 1950 Northeastern Football Team.

Upon graduation, John served as a Quincy firefighter, and then worked in the office of the state auditor. He was appointed Assistant Quincy City Clerk in 1957, and served until 1959. Additionally, John was the Chairman of the Registrar of Voters in 1959. He then served as Quincy City Clerk from 1959–1992. John was elected Norfolk County Commissioner in 1992, a position he holds to this day.

John is also an active member of his community. He served as Clerk of the Quincy City Council from 1959–1992; Chairman of the Licensing Board from 1963–1992, and currently serves as Trustee at the Norfolk Agricultural School, a position he has held since 1992. He is a member of the Quincy High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and is Grand Knight at the Ave Maria Knights of Columbus.

Known for his quick sense of humor and for his loyalty to his friends, John has had the good fortune to be married to his wife, Violet, for fifty-nine years. They are the proud parents of two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the family, friends, and contemporaries of John M. Gillis to thank him for his remarkable service to his hometown of Quincy, Massachusetts, and to the United States of America.

HONORING POLTV, A NEW CHICAGO-BASED TELEVISION SERVICE FOR POLISH-AMERICANS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of PolTV, a new television service that will broadcast live news, entertainment, and sports programming straight from Poland into the homes of Poles living in America and abroad. The service, provided by Chicago-based Intercom Ventures LLC, will help connect Polish emigrant communities throughout the world with their native Poland.

PolTV will be the first platform to feature programming from both major Polish networks, TVN and TVP. The service will initially broadcast 15 Polish channels, including TVN International, and will offer over 20 channels within the first 60 days of launch. TVN International provides news and entertainment designed for Poles living abroad and features popular Polish films, TV shows, and documentaries. As Intercom Ventures' third ethnic television product, PolTV follows ShiqpTV, which provides programming for Albanians living abroad, and BosnaTV, which provides the same service for Bosnian emigrants. PolTV's innovative platform offers high definition television, video on demand, and various internet applications.

Founders Drilon Qehaja and Tony Hoti are two American immigrants from Kosovo who embody the American entrepreneurial spirit. Following the Kosovo War, Qehaja started a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) long distance phone company that enabled subscribers to connect with family and friends, providing a much needed sense of normalcy in the war-torn nation. At age 20, Hoti became the youngest financial advisor at the firm AG

Edwards in San Diego and, after graduating from Roosevelt College in Chicago, opened a day spa in Chicago's Gold Coast at age 26. The two teamed up to found Intercom Ventures in 2006.

I have faith that the smart, consumer-driven PolTV service will have a unifying effect for the Polish-American community. By providing daily news from news channels operating in Poland, PolTV will increase Polish-Americans' access to personally relevant international news, thereby helping them to cultivate strong cultural, familial and community relationships. As a Polish-American and Co-Chair of the Polish-American Caucus, I am very excited about the possibilities for PolTV in the future.

Please join me in honoring Intercom Ventures for creating PolTV, a responsible community-driven company for the Polish-American population. I am confident that it will successfully provide excellent services for immigrants for many years to come.

HAMMOND SPORTS HALL OF FAME
2011 INDUCTION BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Hammond's most noteworthy athletes, as well as to others who have contributed to the legacy of Hammond's athletic programs. On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame honored eight new inductees at its annual Induction Banquet, which was held at the Hammond Civic Center in Hammond, Indiana. The Hammond Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1987 to recognize and honor individuals for their significant contributions to Hammond's distinguished sports legacy. These eight individuals are an admirable group, composed of former athletes, coaches, and elected officials who have excelled in their athletic pursuits or supported Hammond sports and athletics in an extraordinary manner.

At this year's induction ceremony, the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame recognized and honored the 2011 inductees. The individuals who have so deservedly earned this high honor are: Thomas McDermott, Sr., Marty Jakubowski, Frank Carroll, Tom Burns, Jeff Yelton, Carla Eskridge Rogers, David M. Wilhelm, and Bill Atkins.

Hammond is very fortunate to have produced such a rich tradition of excellence among its athletes, coaches, and supporters. In unique ways, the Class of 2011 inductees have made extraordinary contributions and have added to Hammond's rich sports heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals. Along with the current members of the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame, these new inductees have made a significant contribution to the continued excellence of Hammond athletics, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RALPH
WARREN GOEHRING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ralph Warren Goehring, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Mr. Goehring's strong passion for education and dedication to hard-work benefited many in the community.

Mr. Goehring was raised in Pittsburgh, and graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Penn State University. He served as a Marine during World War II in the Pacific and was subsequently awarded several medals for his brave service.

Mr. Goehring moved to Lorain in 1952 and became a social studies teacher. He taught for 31 years at Lorain High School and Hawthorne Jr. High School in Lorain. He was best known for teaching a special course called "Problems of Democracy." Throughout his career, he also served as a leader for the Lorain Education Association.

As an educator and a strong proponent of labor rights, Mr. Goehring led the fight for collective bargaining rights before Ohio passed laws protecting those rights. When the school district fired all the strikers, Goehring reassured his colleagues that the district could not replace 900 workers. Sure enough, with Ralph Goehring's strong leadership and perseverance for justice, the workers won their jobs back. As one friend recounted, Ralph "felt that collective bargaining made things better in Lorain for the students, teachers and district."

After retiring, Ralph worked with the Internal Revenue Service in Cleveland and he used the skills he learned there to help seniors with their taxes in Lorain. He also served as a retiree executive member of the North Eastern Ohio Education Association, where he worked as an editor for their newsletters.

Mr. Goehring is survived by his wife, three children, two grandsons, two step-granddaughters and five step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Ralph Warren Goehring, whose legacy of professionalism, service to the community and determination for justice will forever stand as an example of what it means to be a community leader.

HONORING MR. F. WARREN
HUGHES FOR HIS SERVICE TO
YANCEY COUNTY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. F. Warren Hughes for his 27 years of service to Yancey County.

After graduating law school, Mr. Hughes began his professional career as an attorney before being appointed to fill the vacant position as Clerk of Superior Court for Yancey County in 1984. Through his 27 years of public service, he has successfully been elected each term and has only been challenged once.

Mr. Hughes's office is highly regarded and is considered one of the top clerk's offices in the State of North Carolina. For his work with the N.C. Courts Commission, the N.C. Judicial Council, and as President of the N.C. Clerks Association, his reputation is known throughout the State. He is also distinguished as one of the few clerks in the State who is also an attorney.

His legacy in the Yancey County Community will not be forgotten. I am grateful to have dedicated and hard working people like Mr. Hughes as public servants in Western North Carolina.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the exceptional career of Mr. F. Warren Hughes, Clerk of Superior Court for Yancey County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS
NINTH ANNUAL CIVIL
RIGHTS BANQUET

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio Chapter on the occasion of their Ninth Annual Civil Rights Banquet entitled "Carrying the Legacy: Advancing with Confidence."

CAIR is a nationwide, nonprofit organization whose mission is to "enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding." For the past nine years, CAIR Ohio has played an instrumental role in helping to bridge the divides between Greater Cleveland's diverse communities. CAIR Ohio's Ninth Annual Banquet will provide a platform for vibrant discourse led by this year's distinguished speakers: Chip Pitts Esq., of Stanford Law School, Oxford University and the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and Kareem Irfan, Esq. President of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago. I commend these speakers for their efforts to promote civil liberties and social justice.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Council on American-Islamic Relations Ohio Chapter for their eight years of outstanding achievement. May their efforts to promote dialogue and create a more inclusive world continue to endure.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRAVIS
CREDIT UNION ON RECEIVING
THE DESJARDINS YOUTH FINANCIAL
EDUCATION AWARD

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Travis Credit Union on receiving the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award earlier this month here in Washington, DC.

The Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award is given out by the Credit Union Na-

tional Association to recognize excellent work done by a credit union to advance youth financial literacy. Especially given the current state of the economy, it is critically important that our young people learn the necessary skills to make wise financial decisions.

I am proud to say that Travis Credit Union, which is based in Vacaville, California, in my congressional district, is a most deserving recipient of this award. Travis Credit Union has worked with a number of other groups in our community to establish the Money Matters Program, which provides financial literacy education, custodial bank accounts, and personal financial mentors for foster youth ages 15 to 17. After completion of the Money Matters classes, the youths open Travis Credit Union savings accounts with a modest balance. This important program is of great benefit to these young people as they work to become successful, independent adults.

The Money Matters Program is just one of Travis Credit Union's many efforts to provide financial education to our community and its young people. The credit union has done an excellent job of ensuring that members of our community receive the financial knowledge that they need to make smart decisions and to avoid some of the pitfalls that have caused so much hardship through the ongoing financial crisis.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Travis Credit Union for receiving the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award, and I urge financial institutions across the country to look to Travis Credit Union as an example.

IN HONOR OF THE HOTZ CAFÉ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hotz Café, which after 92 years of service is closing their doors. The patrons and loyal customers of this fine establishment will remember the service and memories that the Hotz Café offered.

Hotz Café was founded on the corner of Starkweather Avenue and West 10th Street in 1919 by John Hotz Sr. John, a Russian immigrant, wished to open the café to serve as a place of comfort, relaxation and comradery for fellow immigrants and industrial workers. This establishment quickly became a favorite of all the area's workers and was also seen as a home away from home. When the Prohibition Era commenced, the Hotz Café continued as a speakeasy and became well known for its famous patrons, such as Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Elliot Ness and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. When the Great Depression struck, John Hotz saw an opportunity to assist those who were less fortunate and consistently gave out bread to those families who were downtrodden.

The dawn of the 50s ushered in a new era for the Hotz Café. John Sr.'s sons, Andrew and Mike took control of their father's business. Andrew strived to ensure that his father's legacy lived on. During this era, the café remained a favored place of leisure among the working class. In addition to their devotion to the café, the sons' family began to expand. Andrew's wife Betty opened up a beauty salon