

Natural History Museum. Her career began with an expedition to Colorado, where she assisted in a dinosaur excavation.

Her tenure at the Natural History Museum was marked by achievement after achievement. She set up the Camp Bigfoot program at the museum, a program which is still active to this very day. She also set up other programs such as the Western Heritage Expeditions.

Her mark on the community expands further than just her work at the Natural History Museum. Friends of hers, the Anderson Family, remember fondly the time she replanted their son's garden after rain had washed it away. In fact, a friend of Mary's recalled that she "believed firmly in all children and in the beauty of the earth."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me today in honoring the life of Mary Elizabeth Flahive. She is a wonderful example to us all in her devotion to the earth and to her community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—NICHOLAS CORTI

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

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President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the

2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

As an aspiring Service Academy cadet, I first joined Civil Air Patrol during the fall of my sophomore year. In the past few months, I have attained a high enough grade and rank that my role in the program has begun to change. Now, every Sunday, I head up to meetings early, and then spend 3 hours teaching cadets the art of drill, the science behind aerospace, and the gritty realities of emergency services. Beyond the basics of our classes, cadets learn discipline and attention to detail through drill. Giving them small amounts of authority as they progress slowly eases them into leadership roles, which builds confidence. As they advance through the program, we instill in them the character to take responsibility for the results of their actions, regardless of the results. In short, we make leaders out of schoolchildren. The experience is rewarding for me as well, because seeing a cadet progress is a strong testament to our work. In addition, training cadets is the best way to hone one's leadership and communication skills, which I believe I have improved through CAP.

—*Nicholas Corti.*

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak Catholic Federation in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1911, the Slovak immigrant community in the United States was nearing the peak of its existence. Slovak Americans longed for religious communities of men and women who would evangelize and teach in the best traditions of the Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of their Catholic faith.

On February 11, 1911, the Slovak Catholic Federation was founded by the Reverend Jozef Murgaš, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church. Its establishment resulted from a meeting of bishops, priests, and lay people who wished to unify Slovak Catholics in the United States. The Zdruzenie Slovenských Katolíkov, as it is known in the Slovak language, was incorporated in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on December 30, 1912.

The story of the Slovak Catholic Federation can be seen in its list of accomplishments, and in the religious activities of its member societies and local chapters. Projects of the federation support various Catholic organizations and religious communities, and promote activities for young people. For most of its existence, the federation raised money to support Slovak refugees who were displaced by war and communist oppression, assisted religious

communities and institutions seeking to rebuild after 70 years of communism, and worked to help establish the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy, where priests from Slovakia can advance their theological studies.

Over the last 100 years, the work of the federation has flourished. Local chapters were established in many Slovak parishes in north-eastern Pennsylvania and across the country, with districts or regions coordinating the federation's work at the local level.

Mr. Speaker, the Slovak Catholic Federation has performed numerous works of charity and religious outreach over 10 decades. It has positively affected countless Slovak Catholics both here and abroad. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Slovak Catholic Federation on the 100th anniversary of its founding, and I ask them to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO RELEASE NEW YORK TIMES JOURNALISTS HELD CAPTIVE IN LIBYA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Turkish government for its involvement in the successful negotiations with Libyan government officials to release New York Times journalists: Lynsey Addario, Stephen Farrell, Tyler Hicks, and Anthony Shadid. The journalists were released Monday after successful diplomatic negotiations by the Turkish and British governments.

According to reports from Libyan authorities, the journalists were detained on March 15, before the air strikes began. The group entered the eastern, rebel-controlled region of Libya without visas, a common practice by journalists reporting on the crisis in Libya. The New York Times reported that the journalists were held captive by loyalist forces of Col. Qadhafi. Early reports indicated that the journalists' whereabouts were unknown. As the situation in Libya intensified, U.S. officials requested Turkish involvement to secure their release. Diplomatic negotiations progressed as the U.S. and coalition forces proceeded with the air strikes over Libya. Turkish ambassador Sahinkaya worked tirelessly to achieve a safe release. It was not until that Monday that the Qadhafi loyalists released the journalists to the Turkish diplomats.

The journalists were taken to safety at the nearby Turkish embassy located in Libya's capital, Tripoli, where they contacted their families and the New York Times to share the news of their release. After a 3½ hour drive in an armored car, the journalists safely arrived in Tunisia and prepared for their journey home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Turkish government for its tremendous diplomatic efforts to negotiate with the Qadhafi loyalists for the release of the New York Times journalists.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND  
REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my friend from Michigan and of this fiscally responsible FAA bill.

I was proud to help include language in the bill requiring the establishment of at least four test sites to promote the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Remotely piloted aircraft are an exciting next chapter in aviation. It is time to expand this technology domestically, and this bill directs the FAA to establish four test sites with the appropriate climate, geography, and access to necessary research radars.

Remotely piloted aircraft are not new to American airspace, and they are certainly not new to the area around my district in Central New York.

The topography of Central New York is as varied as the seasons. A diverse climate and varied topography are essential for testing and will inform preparations for the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Mr. Chair, remotely piloted aircraft are not limited to military uses. They can assist in search and rescue operations, environmental research, forest and fire management, domestic law enforcement activities and perhaps most importantly, monitoring our borders for illegal activities.

I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of the Candice Miller Amendment and the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF BILL SAMUELS' ACCOMPLISHED CAREER IN KENTUCKY

**HON. BEN CHANDLER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a very important man in one of Kentucky's signature industries. Bill Samuels is stepping down as president of Maker's Mark after an outstanding 44-year tenure with the company, a career which saw him introduce Maker's Mark to the world and re-invent the way that bourbon was seen around the world.

A 7th generation bourbon maker, Bill Samuels is well versed in the tradition of making bourbon. Although his father, Bill Samuels Sr., was the inventor of the Maker's Mark recipe,

bourbon wasn't always in the blood of the younger Bill. In fact, after growing up in Bardstown, Kentucky he set off to college and became, of all things, a rocket scientist. When the solid propellants he worked on became outdated, he earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. After law school, Bill returned to work for his father, all the while not intending to permanently join the family business. Little did he know that he would be largely responsible for taking Maker's Mark from a local institution to a brand recognized and enjoyed worldwide.

When Bill started working at Maker's Mark, it was still a local company. They didn't have an advertising agency create a fancy marketing campaign, so Bill put his superb sense of humor to work and started making his own ads. He paired his now-famous one-liners with his family product, and created a worldwide phenomenon. In a business which to that point was nothing but serious, Bill Samuels' ability to make people laugh and catch their attention changed the game. Today, few brands' advertisements are more recognizable than the Maker's Mark bottle with the wax on top. Despite Maker's Mark's status as a worldwide brand, Bill made sure that he stuck to his family's methods, carefully supervising each batch to give the whole world a taste of small-town Kentucky.

Bill Samuels' legacy at Maker's Mark is unforgettable. Not only did he introduce the country and the world to one of the signature products of the Commonwealth, he also saw his family's distillery become the first one in the United States to be named a National Historic Landmark. While his company is now known worldwide, Bill has stayed true to his Kentucky roots. He is still a pillar in his community, serving on a number of boards and as a guest lecturer at several universities.

Bill Samuels leaves big shoes to fill at Maker's Mark, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I congratulate him on his success at Maker's Mark and all that he has done for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
THOMAS H. GREER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Thomas H. Greer, a loving husband and friend, and the vice president of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper.

Mr. Greer became editor of the Plain Dealer in 1990, becoming only one of three African-American journalists to hold such a position at a major daily newspaper at that time.

Known to colleagues as Thom, he served as a role model for young and aspiring journalists. His work ethic was, as he told the newspaper in 1992, to "keep your mouth shut, hold your head up high and work like hell to make yourself and those around you as good as they can be."

Mr. Greer was born in Nashville, Tennessee, but moved to New Jersey during his childhood. He majored in history at Dillard University in New Orleans, and later attended Rider College and Rutgers University.

In 1964, Mr. Greer was hired by the Evening Times in Trenton, NJ, as a sports

journalist. He moved to the Plain Dealer in 1974, where he served on the suburban news unit. His stories investigating shakedowns of late-night liquor stores and thefts of confiscated liquor by Cuyahoga County Sheriff officers, led to their arrests.

Mr. Greer left the Plain Dealer for larger papers in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, but returned in 1983 as editor of the sports department. He expanded their news coverage from exclusively local sports to national and international stories.

Mr. Greer worked as managing editor, executive editor and eventually editor, as he oversaw the expansion of the paper, the creation of new bureaus in other counties, and expanded coverage of upcoming issues. In 1992, he became vice president and oversaw community outreach, volunteerism, affirmative action employment and the Plain Dealer Charities, as well as the Plain Dealer High School Newspaper Workshop.

In addition to his many roles with the Plain Dealer, he served as a trustee of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, WVIZ-TV, the City Club, and the National Junior Tennis Association. He was honored by Kaleidoscope Magazine and inducted into the Region VI Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Thomas H. Greer, whose legacy of professionalism, positive work ethic, and commitment to justice will forever serve as an example. I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Greer's wife Maxine and to his family, friends and colleagues that knew him best.

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