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"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give." This quote by Winston Churchill describes me and my life. Since the seventh grade, I have dedicated my time in volunteering for various organizations that bring the community together. As teenagers, there are times when we are all busy with homework or competition, but there is always a time where we have nothing scheduled. It's moments like these where I know that instead of watching television and being a couch potato, I could actually be helping my community. I have volunteered at numerous school events, programs held by the Salvation Army, as well as activities at retirement homes. Throughout my experiences with volunteering for these activities, I have learned how to speak with the different age groups, which has improved my communication skills greatly. I also learned how many teenagers take basic necessities for granted and that we should think of those less fortunate. There is nothing better than the feeling of giving back to the community, not in one way, but in many! There is no better feeling than knowing that I helped the community by dedicating my time.

—Tina Sharma

HONORING STEPHEN M. BLOCK

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Stephen M. Block, who is retiring as Legislative Director of the American Civil Liberties Union for the National Capital Area.

Steve has demonstrated outstanding leadership and integrity during his service with the ACLU. Throughout the past 17 years, Steve has worked tirelessly on a broad range of civil liberties matters in order to bring about a more fair and just society.

One of Steve's most noteworthy accomplishments was his work on the Sexual Of-

fenders Registration Act (Megan's Law). Steve identified numerous objectionable features that would have discriminated against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Thanks to his tireless efforts, the bill that was enacted was significantly improved. For his effective and determined work on this law, Steve received the Distinguished Service Award from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance.

Steve also played an invaluable role in drafting and lobbying for the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004, which established a new regime for the exercise of First Amendment rights in the District. And he was integral to the passage of the statute establishing the Office of Police Complaints.

ACLU Executive Director Johnny Barnes puts it well:

Steve Block, in my view, cannot be replaced. A combination of intellect, wisdom, vision, grit, gnash, and tenacity, this is one gentle man with whom you don't want to tangle. Do not be deceived by his soft eyes, ready smile and grandfather-like persona, this is one tough cowboy. A former Navy officer and CIA and State Department employee, Steve reflects, in every respect, the highest honor, unblemished integrity, and flawless principle. Yet, while he is strong, he can be very sensitive. He has the capacity to address complex matters dispassionately, and at the same time demonstrate appropriate compassion. He is easy to work with, yet unafraid to stand alone. He hears the call of Ghandi and respects the legacy of King. Still, Steve happily follows, and readily leads. He is a brilliant thinker, a superb researcher, and a provocative and penetrating writer. He has been the sage on our staff, one who is always able to find a way to bring seemingly diametrically opposing forces to the same end. . . . He cannot be replaced, his impact will be felt well into the future. Yet, at the same time, the imprint he leaves will serve as a guidepost for the one who comes after him.

Steve will be sorely missed by the ACLU and the countless people for whom he has fought so hard, but his work for the advancement of civil liberties will continue to benefit us all for many years.

HONORING BOB YOUNG

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you to honor Bob Young, the retiring president of Central Vermont Public Service.

In his time at CVPS, Bob led the company through a cultural, service and environmental transformation to the benefit of its customers and the Green Mountain State. He turned CVPS into a leaner, more responsive company that placed customer service, reliability and corporate citizenship as its cornerstones.

When Bob assumed the presidency in 1995, CVPS faced a host of challenges, from utility restructuring to rate pressures to low employee morale. CVPS was often perceived as out of touch with Vermont values, and regulatory conflicts were common.

Bob put an end, to 'business as usual' and transformed CVPS into a world-class utility, recognized by Forbes as one of 100 most trustworthy companies in the U.S. Under

Bob's leadership, CVPS won the Edison Electric Institute's Emergency Recovery Award three times. It is the nation's smallest utility to win it even once.

Bob focused the company on reducing environmental impacts, improving wildlife habitats and creating the nation's first manure-to-energy customer choice program. The Department of Energy subsequently awarded CVPS the 2009 Utility Green Power Program of the Year.

Bob made CVPS a model of corporate civic engagement, providing leadership on a host of community projects in Vermont, and organizing blood drives that have broken the New England record three years in a row.

Bob will leave a lasting legacy when he retires on May 3, 2011. Please join me today in thanking Bob Young for his leadership and in wishing him and his wife, Vicky, the very best in the next phase of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 due to a flight delay caused by mechanical difficulties. Had I been present, I would have voted in against the previous question motion on H. Res. 200 (Roll no. 226), against H. Res. 200 (Roll no. 227), and in favor of approving the Journal (Roll no. 228).

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

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

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For the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council year I participated in the Plano Teen Court program. This program deals with underage teenagers who have committed class "C" misdemeanor, whether it is a traffic violation, disturbance of class, assault, or possession of drug paraphernalia. To be able to participate in the role that I am honored enough to have been able to land, that is, the role of one of the most loved (or the most ill despised) people in the court room (chiefly, rotating between the prosecuting and defense attorney positions), I had to undergo a training session. The training was aimed at making me acquainted with the more simple aspects of the judicial system, with the proper way to carry myself in a court of law, and with oratory skills necessary for proper presentation of the circumstances. As a Teen Attorney I defended/prosecuted the defendants, in order to give them a punishment, consisting of simple court fees and community service. This community service, with specialized hour ranged being given for each offense. A panel of peers, teenagers who have volunteered their time to admonish a punishment that they feel is fair to the miscreants.

—Anna Shapovalova

HONORING RALPH M. BARUCH

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ralph M. Baruch, who will receive the WNET Distinguished Service Award, and to honor his pivotal role in American broadcast media.

Ralph Baruch has led a truly remarkable life. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he fled as a young child from Nazi Germany to Paris. He again sought exile from France during the war and on a three-month journey through France he heroically transported his grandmother over the Pyrenees Mountains.

From an early age, Ralph understood the vital power of the free media to ensure a just and fair world. Following his immigration to the United States in 1940, Mr. Baruch began his long and distinguished career in communications in radio then joined the DuMont Television Network in 1950. As television became

a force in the American lifestyle, he began a long stint at CBS in 1954, then co-founded Viacom International Inc. and served as President and CEO from 1971 to 1983. During his tenure, he played a role in establishing or acquiring some of the most popular cable networks in the nation including Lifetime, MTV, Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel, and VH-1.

Events during Ralph's formative years were perhaps the most poignant in history in demonstrating the influence of media and the suppression of information on society. Perhaps that is why he sought to ensure an open government and freedom of the press throughout his career, including by co-founding C-SPAN. He believed strongly in the public's right to a real-time connection to our government's proceedings and in the responsibility of our citizens to actively participate in our government. C-SPAN has grown to provide unprecedented unedited coverage of government events throughout the nation as well as cultural and educational opportunities, like literary discussions and materials for teachers and students.

Mr. Baruch has already been honored with numerous awards for his leadership including an induction into the Cable Hall of Fame in 2006, cable television industry's highest honor, the Vanguard Award, their Chairman of the Year Award, and the International Radio & Television Society's Gold Medal.

Mr. Baruch has also donated his time to a number of important positions in his community to support public television and to promote the history of broadcast media. He served as vice chairman of Carnegie Hall, a Trustee of the Museum of Television and Radio, and a member of the New York City Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission under former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. He currently serves on the board of Thirteen and as a Trustee of Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Baruch has balanced his distinguished career and philanthropic work with an equally impressive family life. He and his wife Jean have four daughters, Eve Baruch, Renee Baruch, Alice Baruch, M.D., and Michele Baruch Jeffery. Mr. Baruch is the author of an autobiography, *Television Tightrope—How I Escaped Hitler, Survived CBS and Fathered Viacom*, published in April 2007.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a national broadcast media icon, Mr. Ralph Baruch.

HONORING CAPTAIN BRIAN RINGER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Brian Ringer served the Morgan County Sheriff's Department with distinction, integrity, and dedication. He consistently demonstrated the highest standards of outstanding leadership and public service.

Captain Ringer has been a trusted member of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department for over 29 years and has played a central role in securing and protecting the citizens of Morgan County. He left the Department on January 20

of this year to begin work as a fulltime instructor with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and will continue his dedication to public service.

I am proud to honor Captain Brian Ringer in recognition of his accomplishments, exemplary leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

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