

Col. Garrison and thanking her for her years of dedicated service in the defense of our country.

HONORING HRANT ZEITOUNZIAN

### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 15, 2011*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, last month, one of my constituents, Hrant Zeitounzian, passed away at the age of 101. Mr. Zeitounzian was one of the last remaining survivors of the Armenian Genocide. While Mr. Zeitounzian spent most of his life in Europe, he moved with his wife Osana to the United States in 1986 and was living in Sierra Madre, California. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate Mr. Zeitounzian's amazing life and to express my condolences to his family and friends. Below is a 2010 press release from the Armenian National Committee—Pasadena celebrating Mr. Zeitounzian's 100th birthday.

PASADENA, CA.—With strength and purpose, Hrant Zeitounzian, a survivor of the Armenian Genocide, celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends on January 15, 2010. Zeitounzian marked his centennial as his family reflected on a remarkable life that began in 1910 in Gurin, a city in the Sepastia region of Western Armenia. Along with his mother, brother and sister, Hrant, at the age of five, was exiled from his homeland and sent on a death march. The Pasadena Armenian National Committee participated in the celebration of Hrant Zeitounzian's life and praised him and his family for being staunch supporters of the Armenian Cause.

For much of his life Hrant Zeitounzian has been involved in efforts to advance the Armenian Cause. As a youth in Lebanon he was very active in the Armenian Youth Federation and has long been a staunch supporter of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation. Over the past several years he has regularly attended the Armenian National Committee—Western Region's banquet. Several years ago he received singular praise from U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), who cited Zeitounzian as an enduring symbol of the Armenian Cause.

Following his exile from Gurin in 1915, Zeitounzian managed to settle in Beirut, Lebanon after Turkish soldiers started hunting down innocent Armenians in and around Aintab, where his mother had found temporary shelter for her family. After graduating from elementary school, Hrant was reunited with his mother in Aleppo, Syria, where he would later become enrolled in and graduate with high honors from Aleppo College. He would go on to have a successful career at the Iraq Petroleum Company and later at the American Tapline Company in Lebanon. Following his "formal" retirement, the ever-industrious genocide survivor would successfully open a store in Beirut that specialized in selling Kodak cameras, film and supplies.

After enduring Lebanon's civil war, Hrant Zeitounzian moved to the United States in 1986 with his wife of over sixty years, Osana. Here in the United States he was reunited with his four children, his sons Vahe, Vartan and Kevork and his daughter Haiganoush (Anoush).

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO AT-RISK YOUNG ADULTS

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 15, 2011*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, a non-profit organization based in the Greater Los Angeles area that is dedicated to providing at-risk young adults with opportunities through job skills training, education and work experience emphasizing conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

The organization was founded by former United States Secretary of Commerce and Trade Ambassador, Mickey Kantor in 1986. He charged a team of conservation professionals—including Bruce Saito, a founding staff member—with bringing the successful model of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) of the 1970s to an impoverished, crime-blighted South Central Los Angeles neighborhood. This team recruited 27 high-school dropouts who, before the Corps, had few career options besides gang life and drug dealing. Equipping these new "corps members" with the tools of conservation, the Corps gave them opportunities to recognize and focus their assets on building up their communities. In alignment with the CCC model, on alternating weeks, these young men and women attended school at the Corps.

Today, this tradition continues through the Young Adult Corps (YAC) program, which seeks to transform young adult high school dropouts with negative or nonexistent employment into responsible, skilled employees. Corps members work in teams led by crew supervisors who are adept at training young adults. They engage them in conservation work that is challenging, skill-building and prepares them for entry-level positions in fields such as green construction, renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, environmental remediation, forestry and firefighting.

Since its inception, the Corps' focus has been on improving job skills and education. More than 1,000 Corps members without a diploma have been assigned to the Young Adult Corps High School to complete the necessary credits for an accredited high school diploma. Supporting them throughout the process is a team of case managers and transition staff who assist them in focusing on their goals while helping to eliminate previous barriers to their success. Upon graduation, the Corps' Russell Kantor Memorial Fund continues to support these young adults by providing more than \$1.3 million in scholarships for college or advanced training.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of their 25th Anniversary, I ask my congressional colleagues to please join me and the residents of the 34th Congressional District in congratulating the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for providing an invaluable service to the City of Los Angeles and our young people. I congratulate Corps Executive Director, Bruce Saito, the members of the Corps' Board of Directors and all of the many supporters who make the

Corps the treasure that it is today. I wish them and everyone involved in its growth and mission many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF ABRAHAM BREEHEY

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 15, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Abraham Breehey, who recently passed away at the age of 35. I am honored that I have this opportunity to recognize this bright, caring and loving man.

Through his role as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Abe proved to be a strong force within the labor movement. He was able to transcend political differences and generate consensus for many noble causes.

Not only was Abe committed to improving the lives of all Americans, but he was also an outstanding leader in the fight against global warming and involved many unions in that effort. Abe's dedication to the labor movement and the promotion of environmental stewardship has been an inspiration. Abe's sense of civic duty even led him to testify several times before Congress, and was especially supportive of the Clear Skies Act before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sonya and his daughter, Abigail.

Mr. Speaker, Abraham Breehey touched many lives in his community and around our nation. Abe was a champion for progressive causes who loved the Grateful Dead and Phish and it is a privilege to recognize his life. He will be missed and I know I speak for the whole House in honoring the life of this dedicated and loving man.

A TRIBUTE TO NITIN DOSHI

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 15, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Nitin Doshi.

Nitin Doshi's international roots, professional training and zest for life have all contributed towards his well deserved reputation as an entrepreneur, a philanthropist and a leader. Although born in Africa, Dr. Doshi is of Indian descent and was schooled in India as a foreign student. After graduating from Dental School in Bombay, he came to the United States in 1973 and enrolled in the NYU School of Dentistry, becoming licensed to practice in New York in 1975. He was a pioneer among Indian dentists helping many of them start and expand their practices. He was a very successful dentist and an entrepreneur who established many dental practices of his own. In 1992, due to the growing radiology practice of his wife of 40 years, Dr. Leena Doshi, he sold his dental practices and joined her in expanding the radiology practice.

Today the family is involved in a number of varied investment ventures under the umbrella of Doshi Capital Partners, including a real estate private equity fund formed in 2005, an Indian hedge fund consisting of a long/short equity fund founded in 2008, and a partnership

begun in 2008 with a private equity firm concentrating in investments in chemicals, specialty materials and healthcare.

They believe in a well balanced life and making time for everything in life. They are proud parents of Neely and her husband Todd and Nishat and his wife Fran, but the true joys of their lives are now their grandchildren, Nile, Denali and Escher, and a new granddaughter on the way. They are also part of very tight-knit group of over 30 Indian couples that all immigrated to the United States in the seventies and eighties and have supported each other and embraced the American spirit and contributed to their adopted country with enthusiasm and gratitude.

They are active and athletic and love all sorts of sports, as spectators as well as participants, with tennis and golf being their personal passion. Both have run many half marathons and Leena has also run the Long Island and New York City Marathon.

They are strong believers of social causes and support many charities. Examples of Indian organizations that the Doshi Family Foundation has partnered with include Pratham, which fulfills a mission to ensure the "Every Child in School and Learning Well" program; American Indian Foundation, committed to accelerate India's social and economic growth; and Veerayatan, which helps to rehabilitate earthquake victims, especially children, by immediately providing the basic necessities of life. The Foundation has also established two colleges in Kutch, India, one for computer science, the other for business administration, with classes having begun in June 2008.

The Doshi Family Foundation founded and funded since 1998 a New York based high school program called The Doshi Difference geared towards immigrant children's success in math and science. The program guides hand selected children through high school and has been such a success that its curriculum has recently been offered to all students at every high school in New York.

The Doshis believe in a concentric circle of giving starting from family, to employees, to communities and believe strongly that each one of us has the ability to spread goodwill to those around us and to make a difference if we only have the desire to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Nitin Doshi.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ANDREA WYANT ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Andrea Wyant of Fostoria, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Andrea brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming Class of 2015. While attending Fostoria High

School in Fostoria, Ohio, Andrea attained a grade point average that placed her in the top ten percent of her graduating class. Andrea was inducted into the National Honor Society, was a member of the Quiz Bowl team, served as president of the Fostoria High School band and served on student council for three years. Throughout high school, Andrea was also a member of the varsity swim team, which she was captain of her senior year, and the varsity tennis team. I am confident that Andrea will carry the lessons of her student leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Andrea Wyant on the acceptance of her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy where she will gain a world-class education and invaluable leadership experience. I am positive that Andrea will excel during her career at the United States Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the nation.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALABAMA CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ON HOME ECONOMICS

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of my home state's success stories. I wish to congratulate Alabama's Cooperative Extension Service on Home Economics as it celebrates 100 years of serving the people with valuable economic and nutrition education.

The Alabama Extension Service has its origins in Walker and Pike counties in 1911 when two part-time home agents with a budget of \$300 enrolled 240 girls in popular Girl's Tomato Clubs where they were taught to grow tomatoes and can them.

In 1914, the program was made a part of the land grant college system, giving instructions and demonstrations to persons not enrolled in colleges or universities.

Through the years, many of the Alabama Extension Home Economics programs have been innovative and successful, capturing the attention of other states which have replicated them. These include Master Money Manager, expanded food and nutrition education, Parents Encouraging Parents and Project HELP.

During World Wars I and II, the Alabama Extension Home Economics programs provided valuable instruction in substituting rationed food items, supervised canning centers, salvaging scrap metal and rubber, and selling war bonds.

Today, such home economics programs range from family life, nutrition and health, clothing, housing and family resource management, and are constantly updated to meet new challenges, serve expanding and new audiences, and responding to local problems and opportunities.

The Alabama Extension Home Economics programs have paralleled the history of our country and state for the last 100 years. Through boom times and bust, the program has met the needs of Alabama homemakers and families.

I join with my fellow Alabamians in thanking the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service on Home Economics for its many valuable contributions to our state and I congratulate the program on its 100th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. OLYN KELLY MATTHEWS

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Olyn Kelly Matthews.

Dr. Matthews was an integral part of the Northwest Florida community. For 45 years, Dr. Matthews practiced veterinary medicine in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. He began practicing in Northwest Florida in 1944, when he took a job as an assistant state veterinarian. Dr. Matthews was born on a farm, and he dedicated his veterinary practice to helping farmers keep their livestock healthy and productive. Dr. Matthews was the veterinarian for 26 dairies and multiple farms throughout the area.

Dr. Matthews was a true family man. In 1947 he married Elizabeth Campbell. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell immersed themselves in the lives of their children and their local community through church activities and sports.

The impact Dr. Matthews had on the Northwest Florida community extended far beyond his veterinary practice. A pivotal leader in the local community, Dr. Matthews was elected to the Santa Rosa County School Board in 1966. He also served as president of the Milton Kiwanis Club, Milton Quarterback Club and the Northwest Florida Veterinary Medical Association, and he was campaign chairman of the United Way of Santa Rosa County for two years. In 1990, he was selected as "Man of the Year" by the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce.

To some Dr. Olyn Matthews will be remembered as a community leader and to others as a dedicated doctor of veterinary medicine. To his family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Dr. Olyn Matthews of Milton, Florida. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all of us.

IN RECOGNITION OF EARTHFEST 2011

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Earth Day Coalition of Cleveland, as they celebrate EarthFest 2011 on April 17, 2011—a date that also commemorates the 22nd annual celebration of EarthFest in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland's Earth Day Coalition was formed in 1990 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day in Ohio. EarthFest is now Ohio's