

record of commitment to our communities. He has earned the right to take pride in his holistic view of building a team in the office, and his successful planning gives us equal license to be proud of the many neighborhoods enhanced and communities strengthened by his vision.

Much more than an excellent public administrator, Bill pushed budgets and programs to fruition on little more than compassion and hope, and in the end, the course of people's lives were forever changed. His resume of experience and professional participation exhausts the reader, but it pales in comparison to the individuals and families to whom he provided dignity and proved the worth of the human endeavor.

Too often words like "commitment" and "dedication" and expressions such as "long hours of hard work" are bantered about, and then we meet someone with Bill's achievements. Words seem hardly enough.

Yet, what the public sector lacks in volume—namely money—it easily makes up for in heartfelt thanks. While Bill cannot cash it in any earthly banks, he can invest it here on a nice-sized spread that awaits him through the Pearly Gates.

And, while the poet could easily honor Bill as "the friend of man," our great honor is to call him our friend, and offer him sincere congratulations.

COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, and to pay tribute to the men, women, and children murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

This week, we pause to join in solidarity with people around the world to remember one of the darkest chapters in human history. During the Holocaust, six million Jews were killed, and countless others were brutalized, raped, dehumanized, and robbed. The world pledged "Never Again" would such a tragedy be allowed to occur, but over sixty years later we continue to fight anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred and intolerance, even genocide.

The Days of Remembrance hold a deep meaning for me, as a Jew, and for my community. My district, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, is home to one of the largest concentrations of Holocaust survivors in the country. An estimated 3,500 Holocaust survivors live in the Chicago area, including the Village of Skokie, which boasts a vibrant Jewish community built by survivors in the 1940s and 50s. The community recently celebrated the opening of the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, a state of the art facility dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust.

This year, we also mark the 65th anniversary of the verdicts at the first of the Nuremberg trials, as well as the 50th anniversary of the trial of Adolf Eichmann. By holding the perpetrators of genocide legally accountable for their heinous crimes, those trials were de-

fining moments in the evolution of international justice. The trials also produced a comprehensive record of the Holocaust by collecting both documentary evidence and survivor testimony.

In a world where genocide and other massive violations of human rights are far too prevalent, it is critical that we preserve the history of the Holocaust and the memories of survivors and other witnesses. This week, we pause to remember all those who perished, honor those who survived, and redouble our pledge to fight genocide, intolerance, and persecution wherever they occur.

HONORING AUSTIN HEYMAN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a longtime advocate for seniors and intergenerational programs, my constituent and friend Austin Heyman.

A delegate to two White House Conferences on Aging, Austin has had a long and distinguished career in service to our community and nation. His visionary leadership in Montgomery County, Maryland led to his founding of Interages, a non-profit organization that seeks to build bridges and relationships between generations. Interages' intergenerational programs have brought children and older adults together for 25 years. Indeed, since its founding in 1986, thousands of children and isolated older adults from senior facilities have benefited from participation in its programs, allowing dedicated and caring older adult volunteers and tutors, who are the heart of Interages, to make a significant difference in the lives of children. Austin served as Interages' Director from 1986–1997. His effect on countless lives cannot be overestimated.

In addition to his work with Interages, Austin has been deeply involved with numerous community groups, working on educational and youth issues. The list of leadership positions he has held is a lengthy one, and includes his service as the first Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth, President of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, member of the Maryland Task Force on Guidance and Counseling, founding board member and Vice-Chair of the Volunteer Partnership Montgomery and Co-Leader of the John Macy Leadership Seminar. He has served on the Retired Seniors Volunteer Programs Advisory Council and the Community Relations Committee of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Austin's contributions to our community have earned him numerous honors. He received the Award for Distinguished Service to Public Education from the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Montgomery County Paths of Achievement Award. Austin was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2009.

Austin has served as the moderator for two county cable television programs—"Seniors Today" and "Montgomery Citizens Agenda." He initiated the Vital Living Initiative in 1999 and currently chairs the Montgomery County Vital Living Steering Committee. In 2001 he

proposed the creation of a Senior Leadership Montgomery class; his proposal was implemented by Leadership Montgomery in 2002.

Early in his career Austin served as an attorney with a private law firm in New York City, which was followed by a distinguished career with the United States Agency for International Development. At USAID, he represented the United States on the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. Austin earned undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University, a Master's degree in International Public Policy from John Hopkins and a Certificate from the Academy of International Law at The Hague.

Austin's contributions and passions are numerous, but his commitment to our senior citizens rises above all else. Austin believes that our communities must prepare for the aging of its residents and be communities "for all seasons of our lives." He sees seniors as an invaluable resource in our midst to be embraced as volunteers to mentor youth and to share the skills and knowledge accumulated over a lifetime to benefit our community. Austin has dedicated his efforts to ensuring that our senior citizens can age with dignity, purpose and quality of life.

Austin is the father of David and Stephen and grandfather of Madeline, Henry, and Miles. His wonderful wife Barbara, to whom he has been married for many years, shares Austin's commitment to community service.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing my gratitude to Austin Heyman for his outstanding service.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER CONSTRUCTION

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1214) to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chair, I make a motion to strike the last word. I oppose H.R. 1214, a bill that would repeal mandatory funding for school-based health centers construction.

Funding for the school-based health centers will ensure that nearly 2 million children and adolescents across the country will have access to quality comprehensive medical care, mental health services, oral health services, preventive care, social services, and youth development. These centers typically help children and adolescents who often do not have access to family doctors of their own.

School-based health centers have demonstrated their successes and accomplishments in attracting harder to reach populations, especially minorities and males and providing crucial services such as mental health care and high-risk behavior screens. Some analysts have reported that 10 out of 21 adolescents were more likely to come to school-based health centers for mental health services than other types of health facilities.

When students have access to health centers to receive counseling, they are less likely to miss school or be tardy to class versus those students who do not receive access to similar services.

Students perform better in school when they are healthy and ready to learn. Our school-based health centers are cost effective and provide an ideal setting to administer preventive health care to children. Several research studies have shown that school-based health centers help in reducing Medicaid expenditures related to inpatient, drug, and emergency room use, and improvements in health outcome. It is important that we remain committed to funding these health centers and provide the necessary investments in our children and our nation's health.

I urge all my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 1214.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, yesterday (5/3/11) during consideration of H.R. 1213, a bill to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges, I stepped away from the House floor to speak with a constituent and inadvertently missed a vote (roll No. 283) on the Ellison of Minnesota Amendment No. 3 (H. Amdt. 262). If I had been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING PAUL SCUPHOLM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Paul Scupholm and mourn him upon his passing at the age of 76.

Born on January 8, 1935, Paul Scupholm attended Detroit Cooley High School and graduated in 1953. Paul served as a Congressional Aide to Representative Jack McDonald from 1967 through 1973, was Executive Director of Friends of Detroit Public Library and a board member of the Redford Library. He was the founder of the Redford Soccer Club. Paul Scupholm spent many hours making wooden toys to be donated to several children's hospitals.

Regrettably, on April 30, 2011, Paul Scupholm passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Lois, and his children, Brad, Jeff, Greg and Jennifer. A devoted brother to sister Rosemary, Paul leaves a legacy in his grandchildren Lindsey, Stephanie, Vicki, Barbara, Beth, Mackenzie, Lexi, Trevor, Tessa, Brady, Olivia, Kaden and Ava. A courageous and honorable man, Paul will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, Paul Scupholm is remembered as a dedicated husband, a compassionate father, devoted brother, concerned leader and a friend. Paul was a man who deeply treasured

his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Paul farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and service to our country and community.

HONORING PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this week, we honor a highly distinguished citizen of the State of Michigan and recognize his service to the people of the United States—Gerald Ford.

Gerald Ford is a Michigan legacy and a model for those called to public service. He served with distinction in World War II aboard the U.S.S. *Monterrey*. In 1948, he was elected to the House of Representatives, where he served with integrity for twenty-five years. And in 1974, during one of the darkest moments in U.S. history, Gerald Ford served as the 38th President of the United States, unifying the Nation during a notable time of divisiveness and uncertainty. Now, it is especially fitting that we honor President Ford's legacy.

On behalf of the people of the United States, we accept from the citizens of Michigan a statue of President Ford for placement in the U.S. Capitol. From this day forward, countless visitors from around the globe will come to the Nation's Capitol each year and be reminded of President Ford's courage and strength—those characteristics which helped to heal a divided Nation and bring us together. The statue will be displayed as part of the prestigious and historic national Statuary Hall collection for years to come.

President Ford has left us a rich legacy. As we accept President Ford's statue in the U.S. Capitol on behalf of the citizens of the United States, I hope all of us here will honor him by reflecting upon his legacy.

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SPEECH OF

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1214.

School-based health centers are a critical component of our nation's health care safety net.

More than 1,900 school-based health centers across the country provide access to care to nearly two million students.

Centers in high schools in my district like Maine East, Evanston Township, and Sullivan and Senn in Chicago, ensure that students can get access to primary, mental, and dental health services.

School-based health centers are often the only source of health care for many children and adolescents who would otherwise go without needed services, and services are provided regardless of students' ability to pay.

They offer treatment to students who lack insurance or whose parents are unable to take time off work to take them to the doctor. They keep children from missing school, and they ensure that children's health care needs are met.

Studies have shown that school-based health centers decrease emergency room visits and Medicaid expenditures while improving grades, school attendance, and graduation rates.

The Affordable Care Act provides grants for construction, renovation, and equipment for school-based health centers to increase access—this bill denies access.

If we are concerned about providing our children with access to health care—we must reject this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE ONGOING DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION OCCURRING IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the ongoing democratic transition occurring in the Kyrgyz Republic. This transition began in April 2010 when former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev fled the capital as a result of mass protests over his regime's corrupt and repressive rule. Less than a month after taking power, the interim government of President Roza Otunbayeva formed a commission to draft a new constitution. The constitution produced by this commission was overwhelmingly passed by a national referendum and will take effect after elections are held in December of this year.

Monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe reported that the October 2010 election to fill the 120 seats of the country's legislature, the Jorgorku Kenesh, "constituted a further consolidation of the democratic process and brought the country closer to meeting its international commitments on democratic elections." I applaud this achievement and accept the view of Morten Hoglund, head of OSCE observer mission, that "this election reflected the will of the people of the Kyrgyz Republic."

I, along with some of my colleagues, was honored to meet President Otunbayeva when she visited Washington in March to accept the State Department's 2011 International Women of Courage Award. President Otunbayeva deserves this award not only for her leadership in a time of crisis, not only for being the first female Head of State of a Central Asian nation, but foremost for her promotion of a constitution that recognizes her status as an interim leader and prohibits her from running for reelection. President Otunbayeva repeated her intention to step down during our conversation. I believe this willingness to allow the democratic process to move forward is the true sign of the President's courage.

Despite the existence of a new constitution and the upcoming election, the Kyrgyz Republic's democratic transition is not complete.