

be prohibited from receiving United States aid until that government publicly commits to the Quartet principles. The Quartet—the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, and the Russian Federation, require Hamas to recognize Israel's right to exist, to renounce violence, and to accept previous Israeli-Palestinian agreements.

Last week on April 27, 2011, Fatah and Hamas initialed a document of understandings as a foundation for a "Palestinian National Accord" agreement, which was signed by all of the Palestinian factions on May 4th in Cairo, under the aegis of the Egyptian transitional government and with the presence of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Hamas Political Bureau head Khaled Mash'al.

That same night on Al-Jazeera TV, Foreign Minister of the Hamas Gaza Government, and a member of the Hamas delegation to the Cairo discussions, Mahmoud Al-Zahhar said: "We believe that negotiations with the Israeli enemy are in vain . . . It will be impossible for an interim government to take part in the peace process with Israel."

Mr. Speaker, we should also be troubled by the announcement by a lead Fatah negotiator that Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, who has been a leader in developing the Palestinian economy in the West Bank as well as a primary peace negotiator with Israel, will not be a part of the interim unity government.

Hamas embraces violence against innocent women, children, and men and calls for the destruction of Israel in its charter. It has been a designated terrorist organization by the United States since 1995 and by the European Union since 2003. Hamas terrorists have murdered hundreds of innocent Israelis, kidnapped and refused Red Cross access to Israeli soldiers, smuggled Iranian arms into the Gaza Strip, and launched thousands of rockets and mortars into Israel, including more than 300 since the beginning of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and reaffirm the notions that a Palestinian government which includes Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist group, must be prohibited from receiving U.S. aid. The legislation further acknowledges that the United States House of Representatives has a deep interest in achieving a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian state living in peace alongside the State of Israel.

HONORING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF POMPTON PLAINS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains located in Morris County, New Jersey which is celebrating its 275th Anniversary.

Forty years before the birth of our Nation, a small band of Dutch farmers gathered together in a new land. It was there that the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains was dedicated on April 7, 1736, under the pastorate of

the Reverend Johannes Van Driessen. The church prospered in its early years, with a membership of 72 by the spring of 1738. A new building was erected in 1771 on land donated by Theunis Dey. This new church building, the first in the community, was located on what is now the Newark-Pompton Turnpike, the site of the present church.

Throughout the years, the church grew physically and spiritually. One hundred years after it was built, the church was enlarged and improved under the leadership of Reverend John Van Neste Schenck. The church was rededicated on November 22, 1871, seven months after its 100th anniversary. It was also on that day that the church family mourned the passing of their energetic minister.

Addressing the needs of members near and far, several small chapels were built. The first, known as Grace Chapel, was built next to the church for the purpose of education. Other chapels were located in various nearby communities, including Wayne, Lincoln Park, and Towaco. Throughout the years many chapels came to form independent churches, most of which remain a part of the Reformed Church of America.

The 1900s brought tremendous growth to the church. With more people joining the congregation, the financial status of the church enabled the construction of a "church house" in 1926, and a fellowship hall, known as "Friendship Hall" in 1965. But the period also brought tragedy. On October 24, 1937, the sanctuary was almost completely destroyed by fire. While the actual cause of the inferno was never determined, faulty wiring seemed probable. The tragic loss, however, brought out the invigorating spirit of the congregation and its dynamic minister, the Rev. Eugene H. Keator. A year and a half later, on April 7, 1939, a new building, larger than the old, with a new steeple and bell, was dedicated. This remarkable historic Christopher Wren-style edifice was completed debt-free.

In 1953, the church acquired the 1788 stone Mandeville home, a one-time Pompton Plains post office, adjacent to the church proper. Today it is the church manse. Along with the sanctuary and Grace Chapel, it is presently undergoing consideration for inclusion in the State and National Historic Registries.

The remains of soldiers from the Revolutionary War to the present find their final resting place in the church cemetery. A walk about the grounds provides a glimpse into the church's vital part in our Nation's rich history. This year, in remembrance of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, the church will dedicate veteran's markers identifying more than 600 of our American heroes.

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains is a community of faith with "Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Hands." During this special year, under the spiritual leadership of Reverend Kathleen Edwards Chase, may their spirit continue to rise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains as they celebrate its 275th Anniversary.

2011 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Noël Peterson from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts. Ms. Peterson is the winner of the 2011 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Peterson's artwork, a charcoal drawing entitled "Organization," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition.

In fact, over 70 works from fifteen different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I am certain that Ms. Peterson's family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Peterson's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Peterson's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Stephanie Taylor from South Allegheny High School was awarded second place for her Acrylic on Canvas "Rocky." Beth Gonzales from West Mifflin High School received third place for her self-portrait in charcoal. Alaina Schuster from Carlynton High School was awarded fourth place for her painting "Berries." Jessica Clair from Penn Hills was given fifth place for her acrylic painting "Portrait of a Misfit."

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Nicole Murphy from Carlynton High School, Cody Atkins from East Allegheny High School, Julianna Rinaldo from the Ellis School, Olivia Pasquarelli from Montour High School, Alexandra Fawcett from Penn Hills High School, Alesia Miller from Penn Hills High School, Christopher Winston from Pittsburgh Alderdice High School, Andrew Fusia from Riverview High School, Ethan Lyons from Serra Catholic High School, Brandi Krivansky from South Allegheny High School, Sara Savage from Woodland Hills High School, and Natalie Kerrigan from West Mifflin High School, who entered two mixed media works in the competition and received Honorable Mention awards for both of them.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Robert Almond, Sarah Axtell, David Becinski, Zoe Capcara, Noël Peterson, and Nicolette Santercangelo; from Carlynton, Nicole Murphy and Alaina Schuster; from East Allegheny

High School, Cody Atkins and Tyler Guger; from The Ellis School, Rachel Cooper, Shae LaPlace, Tessa McArdle, Hannah Mellor, Julianna Rinaldo, and Emilia Whitmer; from Montour High School, Chloe Carlini, Claire Crowley, Jenna Luche, Harley Murphy, Olivia Pasquarelli, and Rourke Stubna; from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Stefano Ceccarelli, Joseph David Goltz, Andrea Laffey, and Emma Mallick; from Penn Hills High School, Jessica Clair, Nicolette Deighan, Alexandra Fawcett, Selena Ford, Alesia Miller, and Chris Schwanke; from Pittsburgh Allderice High School, Jeremy Saulsbury, Bowen Schmitt, Ester Turpini, Christopher Winston, and William A. Worth; from Riverview High School, Amanda Alcorn, Paige Condon, Victoria DiDomenico, Andrew Fusia, Ashley Reid, and Heather Tabacchi; from Serra Catholic, Garrett Hudson, Ethan Lyons, Andrew Pricener, Paige Spang, and Olivia Saccameno; from South Allegheny High School, Alexis Carr, Brandi Krivansky, Megan Matejic, Brianna Marie Smith, and Stephanie Taylor; from Sto-Rox High School, Amanda Anderson, Maxine Blackwell, Natalie Gamble, DeArra Linea Moore, Elizabeth Thornton, and Dane Worms; from Trinity Christian School, Rebekah Garard; from West Mifflin High School, Victoria Cooper, Chelsey Earnest, Beth Gonzales, Natalie Kerrigan, and Maggie Morgans; and from Woodland Hills High School, Jasmine Baldridge, Donovan Jones, Rachel Pampino, Sara Savage, and Kenny Thomas.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET MCGUIRE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Margaret McGuire of Perry, Iowa on celebrating her 100th birthday.

Margaret was born on April 14, 1911 in Audubon, Iowa. The middle child of six, she quickly developed a passion for music and began learning how to play the violin in fourth grade. Together with her cello-playing sister Betty and a piano-playing friend, Margaret performed in a trio. Before graduating from Audubon High School in 1929, she utilized her violin skills in the high school's string orchestra and quartet.

It didn't take Margaret long to decide that music wasn't just her passion—she wanted to make it her profession. She graduated in 1934 from Simpson College with a bachelor's degree in music education. She eventually went on to earn a master's degree in Violin Technology at Drake University. With her education in hand, Margaret spent the next several decades teaching both general music and violin in public schools and in private lessons. She also played the violin in the Des Moines Symphony, the Central Iowa Symphony, and the Iowa State University Symphony.

Although music played a large role in Margaret's life, her family was even more important to her. She was happily married to Francis McGuire for many years, and together they had one daughter and three sons. Even though Francis has passed on, Margaret treasures the time she has with their children. Today, Margaret also has eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

What is Margaret's secret to a long and happy life? The spirit of optimism demonstrated in her oft-repeated saying, "Count your blessings."

I am extremely honored to represent Margaret McGuire in the United States Congress, and I wish her much happiness and health in her future years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF U.S. ARMY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TERRY L. VARNADORE II

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chief Warrant Officer, Terry Varnadore II. A native of Mills River, North Carolina, Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore passed away at the age of twenty nine, on April 23, 2011, while serving our country in the Kapisa Province of Afghanistan.

Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore grew up in Western North Carolina surrounded by family. He had a passion for fishing and hunting, and spent a great deal of his life in the Great Smoky Mountains with his father and younger brother. Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore married the love of his life, Casey Varnadore, after graduating from Appalachian State University. They have a 4 year old daughter together, Ava Elizabeth. Mrs. Varnadore is expecting their second daughter in July.

Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore's lifelong dream was to become a helicopter pilot. Assigned to the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, he flew an OH-58 Delta Kiowa Warrior Helicopter. His awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Army Aviator Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore embodied the best qualities of an American soldier. He was selfless, dedicated, and brave. He was respected by his fellow soldiers and appreciated by the officers he served under. Through his commendable service, Chief Warrant Officer Varnadore has made Western North Carolina proud. It is my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Chief Warrant Officer Terry Varnadore II for the sacrifice he has made for the United States.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the special occasion of the centennial celebration of the Jewish Family Service in my hometown of Saint Paul. For 100 years, Jewish Family Service has served individuals, families and new Americans from all walks of life, regardless of ethnicity or religion. Founded in 1911, the organization was originally called Jewish Charities of St. Paul. By 1913, the Jewish Charities of St. Paul was renamed Jewish Welfare Association for the next 31 years. In 1946, the organization's name was changed to Jewish Family Service, the name that remains today.

Jewish Family Service epitomizes the best in a community coming together. It has been a lifeline for many new immigrants and refugee groups, providing human services, employment counseling, mental health services, and translation services for the elderly. While programming may have changed along with demographics during the past century, the noble mission of Jewish Family Service has not changed.

Today Jewish Family Service continues to serve all members of our community, including our newest Americans, including Somali, Latinos, Hmong and Russians, who are making their homes in the East Metro Twin Cities area. Our community's diversity is a strength. By assisting individuals and families as well as our new immigrants become productive and successful citizens in our community, Jewish Family Service is worthy of commendation and celebration. I offer my sincere congratulations to the staff and supporters of Jewish Family Service.

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Jewish Family Service, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECIPROCAL MARKET ACCESS ACT OF 2011

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Reciprocal Market Access Act. In the wake of the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression, our country faces a difficult road towards recovery. As part of this effort, it is critical that we ensure that our trade policy is working as it should: to generate new opportunities for our businesses, strengthen American manufacturing capabilities, and reduce the unemployment rate that has risen to the highest level in decades.

American manufacturers of products ranging from optical fiber to autos and agriculture face continual problems with access to overseas markets. Our own trade negotiators do little to prevent this from happening, as it is often standard for trade agreements to open our