

was awarded the Miecze Hallerowskie Medal by the Polish Army Veterans Kosciuszko Post 152. He is also an active parishioner at St. John Cantius Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Frank L. Kowalski, Jr., whose tireless devotion to the Polish-American community has been an inspiration to many. I offer Mr. Kowalski my sincerest congratulations.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. HELEN
GOTTLIEB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helen Gottlieb, Chairwoman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization in New Jersey. Chairwoman Gottlieb is a strong Democratic leader in Middlesex County who has made immeasurable contributions to her community and the Democratic Party. As a result of her actions, Chairwoman Gottlieb will be presented with the 2011 New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women's Peg Roberts Award. Ms. Gottlieb's service is undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

In addition to her public service, Chairwoman Gottlieb has amassed an impressive professional resume. Helen served as a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language with the South Plainfield school district from 1970 through 1994. Beginning in 1980, as a member of the Edison Township Board of Adjustments, Helen faithfully served the local residents. She later served as President of Edison Menlo Oaks Democratic Club and was a member of the Edison Township Planning Board. Her outstanding mentoring and leadership lead to her appointment as Assistant Principal of South Plainfield High School in 1994, where she served for 10 years. Helen also served as co-chair of the Middlesex County Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaign and Edison, New Jersey Democratic Vice-Chair. She currently serves as New Jersey State Committee Member and Middlesex County Democratic Chair, having previously serving as Vice Chair. I commend Helen for her continued service on behalf of the residents of Middlesex County.

As a result of her exceptional work, Helen has received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the "Woman of Achievement" Award and Commendation from the New Jersey General Assembly, 18th District, in 1999 and 1997, respectively. Helen was also the recipient of the Middlesex County Woman of Excellence Award in Education in 1993. She was featured in The News Tribune "Applause" Section in 1991 and was the New Jersey ESL Teacher of the Year in 1990. Helen currently resides in Edison, New Jersey with her husband, Judge Joel Gottlieb. They have two children and two grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my congratulations to Chairwoman Helen Gottlieb for her exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and congratulate her for the honor she received from the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women.

THE HUI PANALAAU

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share the story of 130 young men from Hawaii, who were asked by the U.S. Federal Government to occupy a trio of deserted islands in the remote Pacific Ocean from 1935 to 1942.

These young men were asked to live on the islands of Howland, Baker, and Jarvis for three-month shifts of four-men per island. The men earned \$3 a day, a good wage during the Great Depression.

The majority of the colonists were Native Hawaiians because the government planners felt that the colonizing task was so daunting that only young Hawaiians would be able to survive. Kamehameha Schools, a school for Native Hawaiian children, was asked to recruit recent male graduates who could swim, fish, and handle a boat. Collectively, the group came to be known as the Hui Panalaa (group of colonizers).

The islands of Howland, Baker, and Jarvis are about halfway between Hawaii and Australia. The colonists traveled by boat and it typically took five days to reach Jarvis and another three to reach Howland and Baker.

The Hui Panalaa were supplied only with canned goods, water, and a few tents. The colonists were asked to keep logbooks about the weather and to gather natural specimens. Their lives on the islands meant enduring rats, beetles, sharks, and the blazing sun.

Why were the Hui Panalaa recruited by the United States to live on these islands? The U.S. Department of Defense considered these islands to be of strategic importance. After the first year of colonization, the United States claimed territorial jurisdiction of the islands and air supremacy. So while the public mission of the colonists was to take weather readings for potential commercial flight routes, the colonist program also served secret military objectives.

In 1941, as World War II intensified, Japanese planes attacked Howland Island likely because of the landing field the colonists were directed to construct. Two colonists, Richard "Dickey" Kanani Whaley and Joseph Kealoha Keliuhanui lost their lives during the attack. Their deaths ended the Hui Panalaa program.

Bishop Museum, the Hawaii State museum for natural and cultural history, developed a documentary on the story of the Hui Panalaa, entitled, Under a Jarvis Moon. The film combines historical interviews of the colonists, still photographs, government documents, and newsreel footage. The film is titled after a song co-written by one of the four surviving colonists, George Kahanu, Sr. The film was directed by Heather Giugni and Noelle Kahanu, the granddaughter of George.

Under a Jarvis Moon premiered at the 2011 Hawaii International Film Festival and was nominated for the Halekulani Golden Orchid Award. On March 12, 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior will be hosting a screening of the film and I encourage my colleagues to see it and hear the story of the Hui Panalaa from the men who lived it.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much).

IN HONOR OF SRI KARUNAMAYI
AMMA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sri Karunamayi Amma, a Hindu spiritual leader who has devoted her life to peace, unity, compassion, and respect for all life forms. Sri Karunamayi will be visiting Cleveland during her 17th World Tour at the end of May.

Sri Karunamayi, known as "Amma," the Telugu word for "mother" by her followers, was born in South India in 1958. From an early age, her compassion for the less fortunate and her insights into ancient Sanskrit spiritual teachings and prayers were noted by her family and learned spiritual scholars alike. At the age of 21, Sri Karunamayi travelled to the sacred Penusila Forest, where she lived a life of strict asceticism, meditation, and study of ancient Vedic texts for ten years. At this time, she decided it was time to share her knowledge with the rest of the world.

Since emerging from the Penusila Forest, Sri Karunamayi Amma has devoted her life to charity works and teaching. She has founded two free elementary schools, a free college, a free hospital, mobile medical clinics, emergency relief programs, food and clothing donation programs, and free housing programs, all to allow the impoverished people of her native India to live better lives. She has also travelled the world, sharing her blessings, teachings, and quest for peace, hope, and emotional healing with thousands of people. Sri Karunamayi Amma teaches that "we should realize the great opportunity we have as human beings to cultivate inner beauty, offer ourselves in service to the entire universe, and ultimately attain spiritual liberation."

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Sri Karunamayi Amma, whose charitable works and spiritual guidance have inspired countless people around the world. I extend my personal thanks to Sri Karunamayi for sharing her message with the people of northeast Ohio.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LT MATTHEW
LOWE AND LT NATHAN WIL-
LIAMS OF NAVAL STATION,
LEMOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to two heroic officers from Naval Air Station (NAS), Lemoore who tragically lost their lives on Apr. 6, 2011. LT Matthew Ira Lowe, 33, and LT Nathan Hollingsworth Williams, 28, were killed last Wednesday during a training mission when the F/A-18F Super Hornet they were flying crashed into an agricultural field near NAS Lemoore.

California's 20th Congressional District is home to many individuals who serve and have served in our Armed Forces. NAS Lemoore is a proud and honored naval community. The

crash that took the lives of Lieutenant Lowe and Lieutenant Williams is a tragic reminder that the men and women of our Armed Forces put their lives at risk every single day in defense of our beloved country.

LT Matthew Ira Lowe was from Plantation, Florida. He received his commission through Officer Candidate School on Feb. 21, 2003, and reported to Strike Fighter Squadron, VFA, 122 on July 9, 2009. He was designated a pilot following naval aviation training from Nov. 2002 until July 2006. Following his training, Lieutenant Lowe was assigned to VFA-94 based at NAS Lemoore. During his career, Lieutenant Lowe earned the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Lieutenant Lowe was most recently training to become a pilot for the elite Blue Angels exhibition team. LT Matthew Lowe is survived by his parents Ira and Pamela Lowe of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and two siblings.

LT Nathan Hollingsworth Williams, of Oswego, New York, received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Rochester in New York on May 28, 2004. He reported to VFA-122 on Jan. 25, 2010, and was designated a Naval Flight Officer following training from Aug. 2004 through Feb. 2007. Lieutenant Williams' first squadron assignment was with VFA-213 based in Norfolk, Virginia. In Afghanistan, Lieutenant Williams served aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, providing air support for U.S. ground troops. After returning from Afghanistan, Lieutenant Williams was chosen to be a flight instructor at Lemoore Naval Air Station, training other flight officers on the Super Hornet, and was also selected for the West Coast Super Hornet Demonstration Team. During his career, Lieutenant Williams earned the Air Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

LT Nathan Williams is survived by his wife, Meredith; his parents, Alan and Gay Williams, of Oswego; and his brothers, Jeffrey and Seth, of New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my colleagues to join me today for a moment of silence to remember both of these heroic men. May the families and friends of LT Matthew Ira Lowe and LT Nathan Hollingsworth Williams know our thoughts and prayers are with them during this most trying time, and may they know we are extremely proud of their distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS OF OMARSKA

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victims of a notorious concentration camp in Omarska, located in northwestern Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the summer of 1992, Omarska was the site of mass human rights violations in an attempt to drive non-Serbs from this part of the country.

When the world learned of these mass atrocities, U.N. prosecutors brought cases

against many of the perpetrators of these crimes.

The ICTY found several guilty of crimes against humanity.

Remembering the victims of Omarska allows the survivors and families of the victims to mark this tragic chapter.

This is critical to reconciliation, and to the future of Bosnia.

I strongly urge all companies, municipalities, and others to allow anniversary events to take place in Omarska.

It is critical that all involved allow a memorial to be built, and for all parties to respect the commemoration of Omarska and the right of remembrance so that the horrors of Omarska are never repeated again.

IN HONOR OF FRANK H. GAUTHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Frank H. Gauthan of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 14. Mr. Gauthan bravely served his country and the citizens of Cleveland with honor and distinction.

Mr. Gauthan began his life of public service as a member of the 5th Division of the Marine Corps during World War II. Stationed in the South Pacific, he fought in the battles of Iwo Jima and Guam.

Following the war, Mr. Gauthan served with the Cleveland Police Department for 31 years. He was promoted to the rank of detective, and served in the narcotics division of the Cleveland Police Department. As an experienced narcotics officer, he was crucial in the establishment of the narcotics department of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Gauthan played a crucial role in the development of a new county-wide office to aid in the fight against narcotics.

Mr. Gauthan is an active member of the Retired Irish Police Society (RIPS), Westside Irish American Club, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 1079. He also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and has been an active volunteer with the Democratic Party. In addition, Mr. Gauthan is an avid golfer and bowler, and has garnered many awards and trophies throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in wishing Mr. Frank H. Gauthan a very happy 90th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF CHARLES SEYMOUR

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a community leader and activist, Charles Seymour. Charlie passed away on April 1, 2011 and a memorial service was held on April 13, 2011 at the Feldham Library in the Bing Wong Auditorium.

Charlie grew up in a segregated neighborhood in Detroit. Although his opportunities

were limited, he made the most of them. He became heavyweight champion Joe Louis' golf caddy. Charlie often said he learned everything he needed to know about life on the golf course. He emphasized the honor and integrity as well the self-reliance, self-control, and self-discipline golf taught him.

Moving to Los Angeles as a young man, Charlie relied on all these characteristics to succeed. He worked odd jobs and supplemented his income with the money he earned at golf matches. Charlie worked for The Tribune Newspaper on Mount Vernon Avenue and later started a bulk mailing business.

Throughout his professional success, Charlie remained an activist at heart. In San Bernardino, he was known for his compassion—especially for children and animals. Charlie has been described as a "force-multiplier." Dr. Amos Issac explains, "He was a kind of exceptional person at seeing the needs out there, and involving others in helping to respond to those needs."

Notably, Charlie served as CEO of the Adopt-A-Bike Program. In 1991, there was a local bike rodeo that gave away four bikes but had 165 children participate. After witnessing the event, Charlie called everyone he knew to ask them for a bike; he received 85 bikes. He was able to present 51 fixed bikes at the next raffle. The event evolved into the Adopt-A-Bike Program and later the Adopt-A-Computer program. The San Bernardino community will always remember these two programs and the compassionate advocate who started the operations.

Charlie passed away less than three months after his wife, Madeline. He is survived by his children Charlotte Bruce Hall, Donna LeRoy Baker, Pat Walton, and Larry Lacy. He leaves with cherished memories a loving, large family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Charlie's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a beloved community member and tireless advocate, Charlie Seymour.

HONORING DR. GERALD TIROZZI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding leadership, vision, and innumerable contributions of Dr. Gerald Tirozzi as he prepares to retire from his position as Executive Director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Gerry has dedicated a lifetime to ensuring that our children have access to an education of the highest possible quality. Through his efforts we, as a nation and a society, have changed the way we look at public education and how the policies we create impact our young people and their success.

A Connecticut native, I have had the privilege of knowing Gerry for many years. In fact, I did some substitute teaching when he was the Superintendent of New Haven Public