

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

Schools. I have rarely encountered an individual with the passion and enthusiasm that Gerry possesses—particularly as he is advocating for policies he believes will make a difference in educating our young people.

Gerry began his career as an educator—a science teacher—and soon moved into several administrative positions, including Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools. In 1983 he was tapped by then Governor Bill O'Neill to lead Connecticut's Department of Education. In fact, on the same day that Gerry was named Commissioner, the National Commission on Excellence in Education released its famous report, "A Nation at Risk," calling for the reform of the American public school system. With the release of the report Gerry saw a unique opportunity and soon implemented reforms that have changed the face of public education in Connecticut. He reformed curriculum and advocated for raising teacher salaries and attracting more qualified candidates to the profession. Perhaps most significantly, it was under his direction that Connecticut established a statewide, systematic test that would more accurately assess student progress. This testing resulted in identifying the academic problems afflicting racial minorities and low-income students nearly two decades before it was taken up at the federal level. The Connecticut Mastery Test celebrated its 25th Anniversary last year and continues to be the single biggest influence in shaping curriculum and has become a national model for student testing.

After his tenure as Commissioner at the Connecticut Department of Education, Gerry went on to serve as President of Wheelock College, Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Connecticut, and was later appointed by President Clinton as the Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. For the last decade, Gerry has led the National Association of Secondary School Principals, an organization which acts as the national voice for middle and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders. In each of the many positions he has held, his commitment and unique vision have led to invaluable improvements in our system of public education.

Dr. Gerald Tirozzi has enjoyed a remarkable career and has earned a distinguished reputation as a leader in education reform. As he prepares to leave his professional life, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks for his invaluable contributions to our Nation and our children. His work has improved the quality of public education for millions of young people across our Nation and helped to better prepare them for their future success. Today, as he celebrates his retirement with family, friends, and colleagues, I wish him, his wife Sharman, his son Jeff, and his grandchildren, Jason and Kayla, the very best for many more years of health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285,

286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, and 298, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a natural disaster in Southern Missouri. Had I been present the week of May 2nd, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 278, 279, 280, 285, 286, 290, 292, 293, 294, and 298. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 281, 282, 283, 284, 287, 288, 289, 291, 295, 296, and 297.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF NORRIS GREGORY, JR.

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 Norris Gregory, Jr., a respected community member and San Bernardino's first black city councilman. Norris passed away at this home on April 21, 2011, at the age of 85.

Born on the Fort Riley military base, Norris was raised and began his education in Kansas. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Washburn University. He later completed his Master of Education at the University of Kansas. He also completed classes at University of California, Riverside and California State University at Los Angeles.

Norris was a prominent member of the San Bernardino community and he will be remembered for all that he gave to the local residents. He served as a member of many important civil organizations including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He was also a founding member of the San Bernardino Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and a member of the Phi Delta Kappa national honorary educational fraternity. Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity honored Norris as Man of the Year.

Norris was perhaps best known for being San Bernardino's first black city councilman. He served two four-year terms in the Sixth Ward from 1967 to 1975, breaking San Bernardino's color barrier. Norris told the Black Voice News that "Schools were segregated, and most blacks were relegated to menial jobs. Blacks had no power and no voice in government . . . but you can make a difference. You can change the law."

San Bernardino has lost a trailblazer and a role model. Norris has been credited for paving the way for others like John Hobbs, Valerie Pope-Ludlam, Betty Dean Anderson, and Rikke Van Johnson. His wife, Salena Gregory, reflects, "He was a very good man. He did a lot for San Bernardino."

Salena and Gregory were married for 64 years. They had one son, the late Norris P. Gregory III, one granddaughter Jessica L.G. Tucker, and two great-grandsons, Jason and Justin Tucker. 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 Norris' family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a local hero, Norris Gregory, Jr.

ALEXIS SCHOONMAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexis Schoonmaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alexis Schoonmaker is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexis Schoonmaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alexis Schoonmaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNE MANFREDI MACK

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend Anne Manfredi Mack, who passed away April 22, 2011. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many outstanding achievements of Anne during her lifetime.

Anne Mack touched the lives of many with grace and generosity. Anne's driven and compassionate nature laid the foundation for a legacy of inspiration to all who knew her.

With great compassion and a heart for service, Anne was a well known and dedicated public servant and longtime advocate for seniors and senior issues. After retiring from Lockheed, she dedicated her time to serving her community and the State of California. In 1998 she was elected to the California State Legislature. Because of her long standing commitment to the Senior Legislature, she was elected chair and had served in this position since 2006. In addition to her service on the Senior Legislature, Anne was a member of various state boards including the Senior Care Commission, Congress of California Seniors, and was Chair of the Advisory Council on Aging.

As an impressive 25-gallon blood donor and CPR instructor for over 20 years, Anne had a strong passion and dedication to helping those in her community. Anne's greatest source of pride and happiness, though, was her family—her six children, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren that survive her today. Anne always put family first, and will be remembered most for her smile, generosity, and passion for those who were less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, while it is with great sadness, I am truly honored to recognize a woman who has had a profound impact on my wife Patti