

These restrictions allow politicians and IRS bureaucrats to influence medical decisions that should be made by a woman, her physician, family, and often with support and guidance from a spiritual leader. I strongly oppose any effort in Congress that creates government interference with private decisions that should be made between a doctor and a patient. I strongly oppose this war on women in America that threatens our freedoms and our rights.

Instead of focusing on this divisive agenda, we should be focusing on policies that will improve the lives of America's women and girls such as addressing the quality of women's health care, fighting gender discrimination, increasing economic opportunities, and providing them with the education and support to succeed.

I encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill and fight to keep safe, comprehensive reproductive and family planning services accessible to all Americans.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
MAYOR RALPH J. PERK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk, the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland, as he is posthumously inducted into ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame.

Mayor Perk was born on January 19, 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio to Mary and Joseph Perk. He attended elementary school at Our Lady of Lourdes School. After earning his high school diploma, Mayor Perk studied history, political science and mathematics at Case Western Reserve University and St. John College. Throughout his adolescence Ralph worked as a pattern maker and later an ice peddler with his brother, George, at Perk Coal & Ice Co. In 1940, Perk married Lucille Gagliardi; they had seven children and were together for 59 years.

At the age of 20, Perk joined the 13th Ward Republican Club and in 1953 was elected as the ward's council member. During his five terms as the Broadway-E.55th Street councilman, Perk organized the American Nationalities Movement, an agency that represents 35 ethnic and nationality groups. Mayor Perk was an outspoken proponent of human rights and is well known for his celebration of cultural diversity. In 1962, Perk was elected as Cuyahoga County Auditor, and became the first Republican elected to county office since the 1930s. He was reelected twice and served as a county official until 1970.

Mayor Perk became the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland in 1971 and was reelected in 1973 and 1975. While in office Mayor Perk was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, the Office of International Trade at Cleveland's City Hall and the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Republican Mayors caucus. After serving as the Mayor of Cleveland, in 1978, Mr. Perk began a consulting business, Ralph Perk & Associates Inc. Mayor Perk was a political figure and prominent busi-

nessman in the City of Cleveland until his death on April 21, 1999.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk as he is celebrated at ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame ceremony.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL KENT A. D. CLARK'S 24  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NA-  
TION

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Clark will retire from active military duty in May 2011 after 24 distinguished years of service to the United States Army and of those years over 43 months were spent in combat.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark is a resident of Florida and entered the United States Army in April 1987. He entered the Army and while serving his first enlistment decided to pursue a career in the United States Army by entering the Special Forces. He has served in every enlisted leadership position through the rank of Sergeant First Class and then pursued a career as a Commissioned Officer by attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, It has been a pleasure to work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Kent Clark over the last several years of his career. He has proven himself to be a tremendous wartime leader who demonstrated unselfish devotion to the Nation and the soldiers he led. He has been a friend and trusted advisor to my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee as he worked tirelessly to restore balance to a force stressed by the demands of the war on terrorism. He was instrumental in significantly improving our Armed Forces equipment modernization and funding of critical systems affecting the Department of Defense while he served here on Capitol Hill. In 2010 Kent went back to the United States Army and Represented the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army as a liaison officer with the United States Congressional Appropriations Committees for Defense and Military Construction. Prior to his retirement he was the principal point of contact for Members of Congress and staff on matters concerning the Wheel Track Combat Vehicle Program, Brigade Combat Team Modernization, and Other Procurement Army One & Three Appropriations; He provided direct interface between Congress and the Army; Integrated the Office of the Chief Army Reserve staff and Congress for all United States Army Reserve related issues and questions; Gathered information, prepared strategies and recommended Army positions for corresponding with the Congress on appropriation issues; Organized briefings and responded to requests for information across all appropriations for Congressional Members, their staff and Professional Staff Members; Coordinated Congressional travel for fact-finding opportunities

and education on Army programs. The impact of his efforts will benefit the United States Army for decades to come.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark's observations and advice to the Army leadership have impacted the decisions to implement the most comprehensive transformation of the Army since World War II, building versatile and modular units capable of conducting a full-spectrum of operations. This Commissioned Officer has continued the traditions of the United States Army and is an American hero who has been selfless in his service to the Nation through war, peace, and personal trial. His performance and accomplishments throughout his long and distinguished career have left a legacy of trained, disciplined professional leaders at all levels and care for families that is without equal. When history looks back at this leader and his legacy it will be clear that his abilities as a trainer, leader, advisor, Commander and Soldier produced the best Army in the world.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Nicole, and his daughter Kaitlyn Grace all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge St. Raphael Catholic School, located in Garden City, Michigan, as they celebrate 75 years of commitment to the education of the youth of our community and our country.

Established in 1936 upon land generously donated by Ms. Florence Cowperthwaite, the meeting hall which became the first school was built using primarily donated materials, contributions and volunteer labor. The original windows were donated by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent. Undoubtedly, this demonstrates a literal truth; it is the people who build a parish.

Father Anthony Kirchner, the second pastor of the fledgling St. Raphael the Archangel parish, led the effort to convert the hall into a four-room school. Again, the labor and materials used were largely donated. The IHM sisters could no longer stay on and the Sisters of St. Francis agreed to take on responsibility for the school. They have remained diligent in their commitment. As the parish and the community grew, additional school buildings were built in 1950 and 1956. In its 75-year history, St. Raphael's School has grown from a converted hall serving a handful of students to a campus with a capacity of 500.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years St. Raphael School has provided a Catholic education for students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students, parents, faculty and alumni of St. Raphael Catholic and in recognizing their years

growing in friendship, knowledge and God's spirit as part of our community and our country.

HONORING DR. JAMES P. COMER  
AS HE IS RECOGNIZED WITH THE  
NAACP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker I am deeply honored to rise today to join the Greater New Haven Branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People as they recognize the invaluable contributions of an outstanding member of our community, Dr. James P. Comer. Dr. Comer is an internationally renowned psychiatrist, social scientist, and author whose work in early childhood development has changed the way that we, as a society, have approached early learning and education. This year, the Greater New Haven NAACP has named Dr. Comer the recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award—only the second time in its history that such a recognition has been bestowed.

Like so many of us, the importance of education was instilled into Dr. Comer at a young age by his parents. His mother had less than 2 years of formal schooling and his father only six, but they understood that their children's future success would depend on a quality education. They worked hard and ensured all five of their children had the opportunity not only to finish their elementary and secondary education but to attend college as well. Indeed, in a recent interview Dr. Comer remarked that "they gave us the developmental experience we needed"—a lesson that has guided his career.

Dr. Comer is currently the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center and he has been a faculty member since 1968. Over the course of his career, his focus on child development as a means of improving schools has earned him a distinguished reputation as well as international recognition. He is perhaps best known for founding the Comer School Development program—a concept that promotes the collaboration of parents, educators, and community to improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for children that, in turn, helps them to achieve greater success in school. This model has become a national model, implemented in more than five hundred schools across America where its goals of improving the educational environment and student achievement have exceeded expectations. Its remarkable success has impacted the lives of millions of our young people—providing them the educational building blocks that have allowed them to realize their dreams.

A prolific writer, Dr. Comer has published nine books and countless articles on children's health and development as well as race relations. He has also served as consultant to the Children's Television Workshop, the producer of Sesame Street and The Electric Company, as well as to the Public Committee on Mental Health, a group chaired by Roslyn Carter. He has been a member of the National Commis-

sion on Teaching and America's future since 1994 and a myriad of other national committees and commissions which have led to changes in how our country crafts public policy concerning education. In addition to all of this, he has also somehow found the time to serve on the boards of a multitude of educational institutions and community organizations.

Dr. Comer's work and scholarship has been recognized across the country with forty-seven honorary degrees and innumerable awards, commendations, and honors including the John P. McGovern Behavioral Science Award from the Smithsonian Institution and the prestigious Heinz Award in the Human Condition from Heinz Family Philanthropies. His visionary leadership and exceptional contributions have changed the face of education in America. There are few have had such an extraordinary impact on our way of life which is why I can think of no one more deserving to receive the NAACP's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Over my years in Congress, I have had the unique opportunity to work closely with Dr. Comer and I could not be more proud to stand today to recognize him for all of his good work and congratulate him on this very special occasion. His is a legacy that will continue to make a difference in the lives of our young people for generations to come. I wish him, his wife, Bettye, and their family many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE NORTON MALE  
CHORUS

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the Norton Male Chorus of Flint, Michigan will celebrate 90 years of singing together by holding an anniversary concert on May 14th in Flint.

In 1921 a group of men affiliated with Buick Motor Division organized the Buick Male Chorus under the direction of Dr. W.W. Norton. Two years later the Industrial Mutual Association became the sponsor and the group was renamed the IMA Glee Club. This relationship lasted until 1939 when the Chorus became an independent organization named the Norton Male Chorus. Dr. Norton continued as the director until 1951 when he left for a new position in California. The group has had 3 directors since that time, Arthur McCombie, C.L. Bergman, and currently, Dan Hill. The group has performed throughout the United States and Canada including a performance at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. The group annually awards a scholarship to a male vocal student and the 2011 winner, Matthew Mitchell, will also perform at the anniversary concert.

Currently the group includes: director, Dan Hill; accompanist, Margaret Meade; first tenors, Terry Powell, Matt Brown, Matt Jackson, Jack Smith; second tenors, Don Chambers, Mike Dumanois, Paul Brown, Jim Segar, Don Wagle, Don Hetherington; baritones, Don Gerger, Sam DeLorenzo, Jerome Wolbert, John Roach; bass singers, Dennis Cavanaugh, Bob Maupin, Don Russell, Don Coolich, Adam Coolich, and Len Posio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Norton Male Chorus for 90 years of music and goodwill. I wish them the best in the coming years and many, many more years of performing and entertaining audiences.

RECOGNITION OF PHILIP T.  
INGLIMA—2011 JOHN CARROLL  
AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on April 30th in San Francisco, the 2011 John Carroll Awards were presented to five exceptional individuals whose achievements exemplify the ideals and traditions of Georgetown University. Named after the University's founder, Archbishop John Carroll, the John Carroll Award was established by the Georgetown University Alumni Association in 1951 and is the highest honor awarded by the alumni association. Recipients have distinguished themselves through achievement and unparalleled service to Georgetown University, and the 2011 recipients embody the true meaning of Magis. Magis is a Jesuit phrase that means "the more." It is taken from Ad majorem Dei gloriam, a Latin phrase meaning "for the greater glory of God." It is an expression of an aspiration and inspiration. Magis reflects the Jesuit concept of a continuous commitment to excellence, grounded in gratitude.

The 2011 John Carroll recipients are Mary Taylor Behrens, Philip T. Inglima, the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, Paul F. Pelosi, and Michael L. Vespoli. I congratulate them all on their achievements. All five of them are esteemed members of the Georgetown community, but today, I rise to give special recognition to Philip Inglima, known as Phil, to his friends.

An exemplar of the Jesuit tradition of women and men for others, Phil Inglima has found no shortage of ways to give back to the alumni community. It would be hard to find a volunteer post at Georgetown that Phil hasn't occupied. As an undergraduate, he served as the co-chair of his senior class gift committee. He has chaired many of his undergraduate and law classes' reunion committees, served on the board of regents and worked as vice chair of the law annual fund. A member of the board of governors since 1997, Phil served as president of the alumni association and was a well-respected member of the board of directors for two years.

After graduating in 1984 with a degree in English, Phil remained at Georgetown as an assistant to the Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., then president of the university. He spent two years working closely with Father Healy while studying at the Georgetown University Law Center. His dedicated work for the Juvenile Justice Clinic earned him the honor of being named "Outstanding Advocate."

Phil began his law career as a clerk to the Honorable June L. Green of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before entering private practice with criminal defense legend Plato Cacheris (F'51, L'56). Since then, he has amassed more than two decades of experience as a litigator specializing in white