

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in the Chamber for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 299, the Polis amendment to H.R. 1229; "yea" on rollcall No. 300, the Garamendi amendment to H.R. 1229; and "yea" on the Markey amendment to H.R. 1229.

## HONORING RUTH BURR POWELL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ruth Burr Powell, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on September 24th. The Colonial Dames of the 17th Century are hosting a party in Ruth's honor on May 19th in Florida.

Ruth Burr Powell hails from Linden Michigan. She graduated from Linden High School, attended Flint (Mott) Community College, and the University of Michigan. After receiving her Master's Degree in Music and Art from Wayne State University, Ruth taught in the Detroit Public Schools.

A lifelong interest in history and genealogy led her to publish a book on the genealogy of her mother's family. Along with her husband, Harold F. Powell PhD, she inventoried the grave-sites and headstones of Fairview Cemetery. The Cemetery covers 29 acres in Linden and dates back to 1836. Together they wrote a reference book about the Cemetery still in use today. Ruth has served as the Regent of the Ezra Parker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; President of the Huguenot Society of Michigan; Elder of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan; State President of the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; Vice President of the Florida Genealogical Society; and she is a life member of the Linden Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has volunteered her time with several hereditary societies and with the Historical Collections at the Detroit Public Library and the Florida Genealogical Society Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in wishing Ruth Burr Powell much joy as she celebrates her 100th birthday and for many, many more years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE,  
AND SACRIFICE OF MINNESOTA  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and public service of all the

brave men and women who gave their life in the line of duty.

As we celebrate National Police Week 2011, let us take time to recognize that our law enforcement officers risk their lives every day to protect our families and keep us safe. Every peace officer serving in Minnesota or any community across this country knows that wearing a uniform carries a special responsibility and exceptional risk.

Today marks nearly one year since Maplewood Police Officer Joseph Bergeron was killed in the line of duty after responding to reports of a suspected carjacking. This was a time of great pain and loss for the State of Minnesota. In the year since, the law enforcement community continues to heal from this loss and will ultimately do so because of their strength and resilience. The residents of the City of Maplewood will continue to have my full support during this time.

We must never forget the heroic sacrifice of our fallen peace officers. The valiant bravery of these brave men and women helps ensure the safety of our families and communities. This National Police Week, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the courage and sacrifice of all law enforcement officers who gave their life in the line of duty.

HONORING RABBI HERBERT N.  
BROCKMAN ON HIS 25TH ANNI-  
VERSARY WITH CONGREGATION  
MISHKAN ISRAEL**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Congregation Mishkan Israel and the Greater New Haven community in paying tribute to the outstanding efforts of Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman as he celebrates his 25th year of leadership at the synagogue. Rabbi Brockman is not only an exceptional religious leader, but has earned a distinguished reputation as an advocate for social justice and interfaith understanding. His commitment to these issues have enriched the lives of his congregation and fostered better communication and understanding among various community groups. In doing so, he has helped to mold the character of our community—going a long way in creating an environment of mutual awareness and respect.

Though he originally came to Yale Medical School planning to become a psychiatrist, like six generations before him, Rabbi Brockman heard a call to another purpose. Upon completion of his rabbinic studies in the Reform tradition, he served two other synagogues before finding a more permanent home at Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Connecticut.

His experiences led him to a broader world view and it has been through this holistic view of humanity that he has taught and inspired not only his congregation but the community as a whole. Rabbi Brockman holds firm to the belief that in order to really learn you must be willing to listen to opposing viewpoints and while you may not agree, you must respect that there are opinions other than your own.

He is both renowned and beloved for his encouragement of the congregation at Mishkan Israel, and the community at-large, to

challenge themselves by approaching political and current issues in different ways. In fact one of the members of Mishkan Israel was recently quoted as saying, "he has brought the congregation to a place of social participation and awareness that does not happen all the time." It has been through his strongly held view that everybody has something to offer and that everyone should be heard that he has become a community leader in interfaith relationships. Indeed, at his Silver Salute, he will be honored by an imam, a bishop, and several ministers—a testament to his advocacy and the respect he has earned throughout our religious communities.

Rabbi Brockman has inspired hundreds to not only talk about those issues that impact our community, but to act on them as well. Among those is Abraham's Tent, a program that Rabbi Brockman helped found which was created to address the problem of the many homeless men who are turned away from shelters because of high demand and limited capacity. Each week a house of worship is opened to these men so that they may have a warm place to sleep at night and volunteers from the congregation also provide them with a hot meal. This effort has not only provided shelter to many who might have otherwise been subjected to the bitter conditions of a New England winter, but has also kept the issues of homelessness at the forefront of our community's public discourse.

Through his spiritual leadership and advocacy for social justice, Rabbi Herbert Brockman has left an indelible mark on our community. His infinite compassion and commitment to service inspires others to make a difference—a gift that has and continues to make the Greater New Haven community a better place to live, learn, and grow. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to him for all of his good work and to join the congregation of Mishkan Israel in congratulating him on his 25th Anniversary with them. I wish him, his wife, Elin, and their children Harry and Jonathan all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING SISTER MARY ANN  
SMITH**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 Sister Mary Ann Smith, President/Principal of Ladywood High School, as she receives the Helen Kern Morris Award from the Father Kern Foundation and Most Holy Trinity Church, located in Southwest Detroit. Each year the Helen Kern Morris Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a deep commitment in the Catholic faith and dedication in serving her community and the needs of the less fortunate.

Born in Bronson, Michigan, Sister Mary Ann is the third of four children born to Leo and Martha Smith. She completed her elementary education in Bronson at St. Mary's Assumption and responded to God's calling to enter the Aspirancy of the Felician Sisters. After attending both the Felician Academy in Detroit and Livonia's Ladywood High School, Sister

Mary Ann entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, Felician Sisters. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music/Education from Madonna University in 1972 and went on to Wayne State University where she earned a Masters in Music/Education in 1980. Impressively in 1987, Sister Mary Ann received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at the University of Dayton. From the State of Michigan she obtained Administrative Certification K-12 Building Level Leadership Improvement, a Secondary Certificate in Music-K-12 and in Music 9-12.

Sister Mary Ann Smith has served on numerous Boards and Committees in the academic community, is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and is a choir member and cantor at St. Monica Parish. She taught school in Detroit, Hamtramck, Wyandotte, Bay City and Livonia and served as Principal at St. Florian High School in Hamtramck before becoming Principal/President of Ladywood High School in my hometown of Livonia.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Mary Ann Smith has bettered the lives of countless students. Celebrating more than 40 years in Catholic Education, Sister Mary Ann Smith has been a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice for 44 years. As she receives this much deserved award for her tireless efforts on the behalf of the youth of our metropolitan area, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her legendary leadership, and in thanking her for her unfaltering service to our community and our country.

#### INTRODUCING THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP FARMING ACT

#### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Industrial Hemp Farming Act. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act requires the Federal Government to respect State laws allowing the growing of industrial hemp.

Nine States—Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Vermont, and West Virginia—allow industrial hemp production or research in accord with State laws. However, Federal law is standing in the way of farmers in these States growing what may be a very profitable crop. Because of current Federal law, all hemp included in products sold in the United States must be imported instead of being grown by American farmers.

Since 1970, the federal Controlled Substances Act's inclusion of industrial hemp in the schedule one definition of marijuana has prohibited American farmers from growing industrial hemp despite the fact that industrial hemp has such a low content of THC (the psychoactive chemical in the related marijuana plant) that nobody can be psychologically affected by consuming hemp. Federal law concedes the safety of industrial hemp by allowing it to be legally imported for use as food.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that prohibits industrial hemp cultivation. The Congressional Research Service has noted that hemp is grown as an established agricultural commodity in approximately 30 na-

tions in Europe, Asia, North America, and South America. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act will relieve this unique restriction on American farmers and allow them to grow industrial hemp in accord with State law.

Industrial hemp is a crop that was grown legally throughout the United States for most of our Nation's history. In fact, during World War II, the Federal Government actively encouraged American farmers to grow industrial hemp to help the war effort. The Department of Agriculture even produced a film "Hemp for Victory" encouraging the plant's cultivation.

In recent years, the hemp plant has been put to many popular uses in foods and in industry. Grocery stores sell hemp seeds and oil as well as food products containing oil and seeds from the hemp plant. Industrial hemp is also included in consumer products such as paper, cloths, cosmetics, carpet, and door frames of cars. Hemp has even been used in alternative automobile fuel.

It is unfortunate that the Federal Government has stood in the way of American farmers competing in the global industrial hemp market. Indeed, the founders of our Nation, some of whom grew hemp, would surely find that federal restrictions on farmers growing a safe and profitable crop on their own land are inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of a limited, restrained Federal Government. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to stand up for American farmers and cosponsor the Industrial Hemp Farming Act.

#### HONORING BRAIN CENTER HEALTH AND REHABILITATION OF HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation of Hendersonville, North Carolina, during this year's National Nursing Home Week.

Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation provides extended care and skilled nursing services to seniors with short-term and long-term disabilities. The center houses a dedicated staff that provides 24-hour continuous care throughout the year to 120 patients. Through associate partners, they are able to offer reliable and high-quality medical assistance to residents in multiple states.

In celebration of this year's National Nursing Home Week, the theme of which is "fulfilling the promise," Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation Center will host events to recognize residents and staff that focus on maintaining the high level of care that helped it be named one of the only 5 Star centers in the region.

I would like to applaud and thank the skilled and trained staff members of Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation. Their focus on individualized care respects the rights and dignity of their residents and their philosophy of caring and curing provides quality results.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of their excellence in care, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the staff and residents of Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation.

JOHN PANGELINAN GERBER POST  
OFFICE BUILDING

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to rename the U.S. Post Office Building in Barrigada, Guam, the John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building. John Gerber, a former Marine and lifetime resident of the village of Ordot, Guam, passed away on May 4, 2010, at the age of 58.

John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber was born in Guam on May 31, 1951. The eldest son of Martin and Dolores Gerber, John attended Barrigada Junior High School, Father Duenas Memorial School and George Washington High School. On June 4, 1969, immediately after graduating from high school, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completion of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, John was deployed to Vietnam where he served with the Fleet Logistics Command in support of the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. After completing his tour in Vietnam, John was assigned to Marine Barracks Guam where he would remain until he was honorably discharged as a Corporal from the Marine Corps on June 3, 1975.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, John returned to Guam and became a radio disc jockey with his signature "Wireless Rock" program. He had the most popular radio show on Guam at the time, and he was a local celebrity. As his program's popularity soared, John showed his business acumen by opening a record store called the Wireless Rock Music Box. John was an entrepreneur and he combined his love of our island and our ocean with a business venture, establishing a charter boat tour company that offered visitors a tour of Guam's best diving and fishing spots and Chamorro fiesta food on board. He promoted the Chamorro culture in his tours and was one of the pioneers of what is now recognized as culture-based eco-tourism.

In 1992, John joined the Guam Chapter of the 3rd Marine Division Association. As a member of this organization, John devoted his time and energy to helping fellow Marines and veterans. He was active in promoting and preserving the history of the 3rd Marine Division and its role in the War in the Pacific and the Liberation of Guam during World War II. He was a history buff and he immersed himself in collecting memorabilia and military equipment from the World War II era.

John also promoted the idea of welcoming active duty Marines and other servicemembers who visited Guam on temporary duty or deployments. He teamed up with the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee and veterans organizations to host fiestas for visiting Marines, World War II veterans, and military units deployed to Guam. He hosted numerous fiestas each year and it is estimated that his hospitality was appreciated by nearly 20,000 servicemembers who visited his home in Ordot called "Gerber's Ranch." Gerber's Ranch was a mini-complex of outdoor pavilions, cooking facilities, and a mini-museum of his collection of World War II memorabilia. John collected and restored many World War II armored vehicles, weapons and uniforms and artifacts. His collection