

and the Men of Promise organization. He has also received the Gideon Community Service and Citizens of the Community Awards, volunteered in March of Dimes Jail & Bail Fund-raisers, and is currently volunteering part-time at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Captain Greg L. Garner on his 32 years of service and dedication to improving the safety and welfare his community, the City of Fresno.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 11th, my vote on Rollcall vote No. 309 was incorrectly recorded as "aye", when I intended to vote "nay". I did not see the error until it was too late. I ask that the record reflect my strong opposition to H.R. 1229 and my intention to vote no on this legislation.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Asian and Pacific Islander American community in commemoration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

As representative of the 47th congressional district of California, I feel privileged to be here to speak of the history and accomplishments of the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge extraordinary community leaders who have contributed so much to the development of the APIA community.

I have in my district a compassionate, humanitarian organization: Saint Anselm's Cross-Cultural Community Center. This year, they celebrate 35 years of assisting tens of thousands of refugees in their resettlement and integration, and empowering underserved communities.

I recognize the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance—the largest API organization in Orange County. Their health outreach programs, after-school programs, and policy advocacy programs make a real difference in the lives of Orange County residents.

Small businesses such as DTNtech Marketing Solutions and Holiday Inn Express of Garden Grove that have demonstrated the spirit of giving with their generous supply of donations and ongoing support for community beneficiary projects.

I would like to recognize several individuals for their extraordinary commitment to enhancing the vitality of the API community:

Ms. Ysa Le for her involvement with art activism for the Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association to promote, preserve and enrich arts and culture by, for, and about the Vietnamese communities.

Mr. Do-Young Kim who has for over 10 years understood and conveyed the precious privileges and duties of being a United States citizen to the countless Korean immigrants whom he's assisted in realizing American citizenship.

And lastly, Dr. Ding Jo Currie, chancellor of the Coast Community College District, whose brilliance and passion for education has been demonstrated for over 30 years in building a superior educational system for Orange County's students in higher education.

Through their hard work and dedication, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community continues to become an integral part of the Orange County family—as entrepreneurs, community leaders and activists for worthy causes. On behalf of all my colleagues in the House, I offer them our praise and our gratitude.

HONORING SEAN KINCAID DALDRUP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Kincaid Daldrop. Sean is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Sean has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Kincaid Daldrop for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING GAIL PARKER

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Gail Parker, the President and C.E.O. of the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance in Fort Bend County, TX. Mrs. Parker is retiring after nearly 8 years at the helm of the Chamber.

Gail has certainly left her mark on the Chamber. Under her leadership, Gail led the charge to double the Chamber's membership from roughly 400 members in late 2003 to just over 800 members currently, representing businesses from all sectors and industries across Fort Bend County. She also helped to create the Hispanic Business and Young Professionals Divisions, which have been critical to bringing new members of the Fort Bend business community to the Chamber.

Gail is a consummate professional who cares deeply about the community she serves.

The Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance has been well served by her leadership and commitment to excellence. Throughout her tenure as CEO, Gail demonstrated the dedication and leadership necessary to advance the Chamber's mission and enlarge the scope of the organization.

I'm honored to call her a friend and I wish Gail and her husband Randy all my best. She is in my prayers as she leaves the Chamber to fight her next battle and, as she says, become a cancer "survivor." On behalf of Fort Bend County, I thank you for your hard work and service to the Fort Bend business community.

HONORING D. ERIC HULTMAN

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor D. Eric Hultman who is retiring from my office as Chief of Staff after eight years of service to the constituents of the Second District of Nebraska and a career of service to all Americans.

Eric, a graduate of Brown University and University of Nebraska College of Law, has served the public for over 20 years on Capitol Hill. He has been in senior positions with the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, a U.S. Senator, and a Member of U.S. House of Representatives.

His long and respected career also included the position of Managing Editor for the Legislative Digest for the House Republican Conference and an attorney at several private law firms.

He has worked tirelessly to make our country safer, to make our government more efficient, and to bring a sense of responsibility to Washington, DC. Even though Eric is a committed conservative, he knows the value of working with members from all political stripes. This philosophy has served my office well through the years.

He is a devoted father and husband who somehow always managed to balance both family and professional commitments—a difficult task even for the best of us. But Eric always managed to find that balance through his positive attitude and hard work.

I am proud of Eric's years of public service and am very appreciative of his hard work and friendship. I have also learned to be appreciative of his sense of humor, which during stressful times, has come as welcome relief.

I, along, with all the other members of my staff will miss Eric for not only his patience, but his ability to have an answer for every question. His retirement is well deserved and we wish him the best as he starts the next chapter of his life.

HONORING VAN GUARD HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, Suffolk County is home to many fire department

companies that protect and serve our local communities. I rise to honor the Van Guard Hose Company No. 1 in Patchogue, New York and its members, who this year are celebrating the 120th anniversary of its founding.

In the summer of 1890, local residents determined that the Patchogue Fire Department was unable to adequately respond to fire emergencies in the southern section of the Village of Patchogue when Captain G.G. Horton's barn was destroyed by fire. Due to this unfortunate event, these local residents formed the Van Guard Hose Company.

Residents requested the purchase of a hose cart and the fire directors of Patchogue Fire Department granted the purchase of a two-wheeled cart and 500 feet of hose. Chief Edwin Bailey, the department's first chief, was tasked with determining the location to house the new equipment.

Fourteen residents came together to form the present company for its regular meeting on January 13, 1891 at the home of Mrs. Alfred C. Mott, a resident of southern Patchogue. Today, Van Guard Hose Company No. 1, located just down the street from where the company first met, has grown to 63 members who bravely and selflessly serve their community.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great comfort to know that Long Island is still a collection of communities where neighbors look out for one another, as they did back in the 1890s. I'm proud to represent Van Guard Hose Company No. 1 and its members in the House of Representatives. I offer my congratulations on this milestone and wish them well for many years of continued service to the Patchogue Fire District.

HONORING MITCHELL RYAN
KOVAC

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mitchell Ryan Kovac. Mitchell is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mitchell has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mitchell has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mitchell has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mitchell Ryan Kovac for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN CAREY
MIHM

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of the 22nd Congressional District of New York, Ms. Kathleen Carey Mihm. Kathy, as she is fondly known to family and friends, is a warm, witty and insightful woman who has dedicated her professional life to public service and, in doing so, has made a lasting contribution to her community.

A native of Kingston, Kathy grew up in a lively Irish family with nine brothers and sisters. She graduated from Kingston High School and went on to pursue advanced study at Ulster County Community College. Kathy began her public career as the Village of Rosendale Clerk, followed by two consecutive terms as a member of the Ulster County Legislature. In 1985, she began a distinguished career with the Ulster County Board of Elections. Kathy served as Deputy Commissioner under the late Harry Castiglione and then, after a brief time as Clerk of the Legislature, was appointed as Commissioner of Elections for the Democratic Party.

During her tenure with the Elections Board, Kathy was a tremendous asset to the voting public of Ulster County. She understood that the fundamental mission of the Board of Elections is to serve the voting public in a bipartisan manner. She worked hard and was diligent in her efforts to ensure that every eligible vote was counted. Kathy retired in December of last year in order to spend more time with her two children and four grandchildren. She has left behind a lasting legacy of honor and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Kathleen Carey Mihm for more than twenty-five years. She has been a dear friend and a valued adviser and we have worked closely on many issues of importance to the residents of Ulster County. Her work on behalf of the Board of Elections and her community was both inspiring and commendable. It is with great pleasure that I recognize her outstanding contributions and achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2011
FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the volunteers who assist the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. These volunteers work with deputies and civilian staff to help inmates to improve their lives during incarceration and to prepare them for a successful transition back into the community.

With more than 500 deputies, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is the largest Sheriff's office in Virginia and among the largest in the country. These deputies perform invaluable services for Fairfax County residents which in-

clude providing court security, managing the detention center, and serving the civil law process. Volunteers with the Sheriff's Office help provide inmate programs and services at the Adult Detention Center (ADC) and Pre-Release Center, including mental health counseling, religious services, alcohol and drug support groups, health education, library services and job training.

Volunteers complete a Sheriff's Office training program and also work closely with staff to ensure that best practices are followed. A recent study completed at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center showed the significant impact that detention center rehabilitation programs can provide. The efforts of these volunteers improve the lives of those incarcerated, reduce recidivism, and make our communities safer.

Each year, the Sheriff's Office hosts a luncheon to thank all of the dedicated individuals who help make the volunteer program a success. It is my pleasure to recognize the honorees in each service area:

Alcohol and Drug Services—Nate Trager
OAR—Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources—Linda Rule
Chaplain's Office—Norman J. Bacon
Education—Bill Richey

The efforts of these individuals are particularly noteworthy, but I also want to acknowledge the nearly 300 volunteers who have contributed their time and support to the Sheriff's Office during the past year. These volunteers provide services that help to place inmates on a path to success. They offer their time that could be spent elsewhere to provide encouragement and support that will improve lives during incarceration and provide for a successful transition to help get inmates back on their feet. The efforts of each and every one of these volunteers are commendable and deserve our praise.

Sheriff Stan Barry and the staff of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office should be commended for their critical role in administering the volunteer program. The efforts of these staffers maximize the contributions of volunteers in the most effective way and provide the support that makes this program a success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of these individuals and all of the volunteers who support the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. The selfless commitment of these individuals helps to provide enumerable benefits to our community and life-changing services to the inmates they serve.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ADA LEE
PATRICK

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a member of my church, a devoted wife and mother, a Christian woman and a friend to many.

Mrs. Ada Lee Patrick was born in Holmes County, Mississippi, in 1948 and migrated with her family to Chicago, Illinois in 1957. She attended the local elementary and high school on the west side of Chicago. She was baptized at the Mt. Carmel Church and later