

American people and I congratulate her on her many successes as her country's representative to the U.S.

CELEBRATING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. John Missionary Baptist Church on the historic occasion of its 136th year anniversary. From its most humble beginnings in 1876, the church has grown to provide a wealth of spiritual guidance and stewardship to so many in the Dallas area.

Like the structure that houses its congregants today, St. John Missionary Baptist Church has been a bedrock of devotion and service to thousands in the community over the years. The church's call to action for decades has been "Where Christianity is a business and not a sideline," and so many have taken up that call to provide leadership and evangelism to their friends and neighbors.

I want to acknowledge the church's current pastor, the Reverend Bertrain Bailey for his stalwart commitment to outreach in his ministry, and the leadership and guidance he has provided.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating St. John Missionary Baptist Church on their 136th year in service to God and their community. St. John Missionary Baptist Church has fed the souls of generations in Dallas and the surrounding communities, and may it in its blessings continue to prosper and grow in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAR ISLAND CORPORATION AND THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC GOSPORT REGATTA

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the non-profit Star Island Corporation for their successful restoration of the historic Gosport Regatta.

The Star Island Corporation has owned and maintained Star Island for almost 100 years. As part of the National Historic District located on the Isles of Shoals, the Corporation was desirous of re-creating a historic moment in time for the benefit of today's retreats and conferences on the island. Research into the 1875 Gosport Regatta, which was held to celebrate the opening of the Oceanic Hotel on the island, revealed that the race was won by the America, the yacht for which the America's Cup is named. The Captain and owner of the America, General Benjamin Franklin Butler, played a pivotal role in the creation of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Presi-

dent Abraham Lincoln and the restoration of the Gosport Regatta allows for recognition of this important historical connection to the Star Island Retreat and Conference Center, on the Isles of Shoals in Rye, New Hampshire.

I commend the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Star Island Corporation for their time and efforts on this restoration, and wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MATT DOHERTY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Doherty, Mayor of Belmar, New Jersey. Mayor Doherty is the 2012 recipient of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irish Man of the Year award. Matt is a respected member of Belmar, New Jersey and continues to dedicate his efforts to improving the community. His commitment to his profession and constituents is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

In 2006, Mayor Doherty was elected to serve on the Borough Council and was re-elected in 2009. He proudly served as Borough Council President and was respected by his colleagues and constituents. Matt Doherty was elected Mayor of the Borough of Belmar, New Jersey on November 2, 2010. During his tenure as Mayor, Belmar has continued to see tremendous growth and prosperity. He has also been the catalyst for growth and prosperity throughout the Borough and an advocate for improvement projects. Of his many notable accomplishments as Mayor, Matt is often praised for his support of first-responders. Mayor Doherty implemented free beach access for all Monmouth County First-Aid and Fire Department Volunteers throughout Belmar. He has also required the implementation of Mobi-Mats on the beach for ADA-approved accessibility. The 9th Avenue pier at the Belmar Marina has been redeveloped as a result of Mayor Doherty's foresight and ingenuity. In addition to his capacity as Mayor, Matt served as ADA coordinator, Harbor Commissioner, and presided as a member of the Belmar Planning Board. Mayor Doherty is a passionate and committed leader, whose unyielding leadership and vision for the future of Belmar are exemplified through his actions as Mayor.

Mayor Doherty demonstrates strong ties to the Irish-American community. Matt is a dedicated member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore and is applauded for his commitment. His participation and contributions to the organization remain, in part, a reason for the organization's success. Matt is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and serves as a trustee for the Inlet Terrace Association in Belmar. In addition to his recreational and professional career, Matt has traveled to Northern Ireland multiple times to participate in the "Bloody Sunday March" in Derry, Ireland. He has also visited Ballybrigen, Ireland and continues to proudly represent his Irish culture and herit-

age. Most recently, Irish Echo named Mayor Doherty to the "40 Under 40" for his efforts and outstanding contributions to the Irish-American community.

Matt Doherty is a Financial Advisor at Investors Bank. He was previously employed as a Licensed Mortgage Banker and owner of Doherty Mortgage, LLC located in Belmar. He earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Matt is happily married to Maggie Moran. Together, they have two daughters, Hannah and Claire.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Matt Doherty continues to exemplify outstanding contributions to Belmar, New Jersey and serves as an outstanding role model and dedicated leader of the Irish-American community. The fitting recognition of Irish Man of the Year bestowed by the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh is a fitting tribute to his outstanding contributions.

HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2012*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my vote on H.R. 436, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011. As many of my colleagues know, I helped lead the charge throughout the 2010 healthcare debate to ensure the medical device industry was not overly burdened by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). During negotiations on the final healthcare bill, I made it a point to argue that overly taxing the medical device industry would stomp innovation, affect patient care quality and burden an already struggling job market. When we came together to discuss health care reform, we agreed that it was necessary for everyone to contribute in order to ensure a successful outcome. That is why I fought tirelessly, within my own caucus, to make sure the bill was responsible in the way Congress paid for the legislation.

As we approach the 2014 deadline of final implementation for ACA, many uncertainties have arisen from both the general public and business community. The Republican Majority has addressed this growing concern with an onslaught on key revenue provisions of the ACA. In fact, they have paid for those repeals by targeting programs from those individuals who need ACA the most. For that reason, I was forced to vote against H.R. 436, which CBO estimated, if enacted, could remove over 350,000 individuals off of health care. Given that many of my constituents rely on the health care benefits provided by the ACA, I could not support this bill as written.

However, as the full implementation moves forward, I will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation on the medical device industry. If the capacity that is anticipated to flood the markets does not become realized, I am ready and willing to work with the medical device industry to unburden them of any unnecessary taxes, while responsibly ensuring that the rest of the ACA moves forward.

CHRISTI NORRIS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christi Norris of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Christi is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

As the Communications Manager for the Social Welfare Board, Christi's influence extends far beyond the organizing and daily operations responsibilities of her job. Christi has been responsible for developing successful fundraisers, putting together a quarterly newsletter, and promoting a cheerful atmosphere in the organization through birthday celebrations and productive staff functions.

Christi's faith influences her work attitude and she is recognized as one who interacts with people of every age and socio-economic level with consistent charm and effectiveness. Christi demonstrates the high character coupled with high work standards which constitute a career worth imitating.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Christi Norris. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF THE RCA HERITAGE PROGRAM

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The RCA Heritage Program for its tireless efforts in preserving the name and legacy of RCA. For over sixty years, RCA served as a vanguard of progress not only in South Jersey, but in the country as a whole. RCA's visionary leadership and its dedication to industrial innovations led this company to become a world-renowned manufacturer of products for entertainment, communications, and national security. RCA also served as a critical component of the country's defense and manufacturing industries during World War II, giving the United States a significant technological advantage on the world stage. In having such a broad impact on the region, it is only right to preserve RCA's cultural and societal legacy.

The RCA Heritage Program, under the sponsorship of Rowan University, has worked to establish The RCA Heritage Program Museum, which will preserve the memory of RCA and educate future generations on its impact. In further promotion of education, The RCA Heritage Program established a scholarship available to South Jersey residents interested in pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering at Rowan University.

With the help of former RCA employees, The RCA Heritage Program has brought together generations of South Jersey residents, collecting pieces of history which would otherwise be lost to time.

Mr. Speaker, The RCA Heritage Program's continuing mission to preserve the lasting leg-

acy of RCA for South Jersey and its residents should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional organization.

## TOP COPS—ISSAQUAH PD

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, September 24 of last year during a beautiful fall afternoon, six police officers in Issaquah, Washington stopped a gunman intent on murdering innocent people. Because of their quick actions and bravery, the officers will be honored Saturday evening at the 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony in Washington, DC.

On that fateful day last fall, the gunman walked through yards and on sidewalks indiscriminately firing a rifle at homes, businesses, and passersby. Not far away, more than 100 people were watching a youth football game at a local school. Before the players and spectators could find refuge, the six officers put an end to his rampage utilizing the information being relayed via 9-1-1 operators.

On that day, as on every day, law enforcement officers saved lives calmly, swiftly and selflessly.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Police Organizations recognizes law enforcement officers from federal, state, county and local agencies for acts of bravery, courage and outstanding service to their communities over the preceding year. I am proud that six of our nation's finest officers—and who serve in the district that I represent—8th of Washington—will be acknowledged with the rest of our heroes during police week.

Mr. Speaker, to Officers Brian Horn, Jesse Petersen, Laura Asbell, Tom Griffith, Corporal Christian Munoz, and Sergeant Chris Wilson, I say "thank you." I will continue to support you and all of our law enforcement professionals around the country.

DIANE WATSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Diane Watson of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Diane is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Diane's recent retirement from the St. Joseph School District Board of Education ended more than 40 years of total service to the public school system as a teacher and volunteer, including 12 consecutive years as a Board Member. During her first term on the board, she helped lead a \$36 million bond project for school improvement. In her later term, she helped with the establishment of personal computers for students. Diane's volunteer career extends across the community, including roles as a docent at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art; Chapter and Reciprocity President of P.E.O.; and an elder, deacon and

committee member to the First Presbyterian Church. As Area Coordinator for Phi Delta Kappa, she traveled the western part of Missouri encouraging quality education. She has also contributed her time and talents to the Calla Varner Board, the Junior League, the Flower Society, the St. Joseph Symphony, and the Performing Arts Association, among others. With an enthusiastic personality and a "can-do" attitude, Diane Watson has become an outstanding community volunteer and an admired friend to many—all of which she humbly attributes to "going wherever the Lord leads."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Diane Watson. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 562

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Local 562 has a proud history in local labor movement which began in the 1800s and I am honored to rise today to honor its people, and its work, over the last 100 years. Local 562's 4,500 members serve the plumbing and mechanical industry in 67 counties in Eastern Missouri. In 1999 Plumbers Local 35 was merged by the International Union with Pipefitters Local 562 to create the new Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Plumbers and Pipefitters local 562 provides some of the best educated and trained labor workforce in the world. Its workers have participated in the successful construction of some of St. Louis' most significant initiatives, ranging from large private buildings to major transportation and infrastructure projects. This success is due to Local 562's attention to quality service and craftsmanship.

Local 562 has also been a leader in the industry, as exemplified by its investing over \$12 million in a new training facility. Because of rigorous training, members of local 562 are at the forefront of innovative new industries in our ever changing economy. They are integral to our regional and national economic development, as a well skilled and educated workforce is critical to a growing economy.

For all of Local 562's contributions to our economy, it is also well known for its volunteer and charitable efforts in the community. The Plumbers & Pipefitters annually provide thousands of dollars worth of services to help St. Louis' poor and elderly citizens pay for their utility bills; donate plumbing repairs and home renovations for the less fortunate; help build decent and affordable housing; raise funds for police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders who have fallen in the line of duty; and volunteer time and money to children's hospitals.

Recognizing a century of leadership and excellence in the construction industry, and in our community, I offer hearty congratulations to the members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562, and thank them for their service.