

The Neighborhood Music School is not your ordinary school. Its 3,000 students hail from communities across Connecticut and range from 6 months to over 80 years of age. The Neighborhood Music School offers a myriad of programs in music and dance that are open to children and adults regardless of age, economic status, or experience. The arts, in all of its many mediums, are both a celebration of culture and tradition as well as a means of personal expression. The Neighborhood Music School has opened the doors of opportunity to thousands throughout its century-long history and has become a beloved community treasure.

The Neighborhood Music School has a particularly interesting history. When it first opened in 1911, on Wooster Street in New Haven, it was established in conjunction with St. Paul's Church as a settlement house and social services organization for local immigrants known as the Neighborhood House. However, in its first four years Neighborhood House saw such a demand for music programs it was decided that a separate entity, the Neighborhood House Music School was created and placed under the leadership of its first director, Susan Hart Dyer, a violinist and graduate of the Yale School of Music.

Faculty came from the Yale School of Music and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. The school grew rapidly and even during the most difficult economic times of the Great Depression, the demand for the programs remained high. In 1945, Neighborhood House Music School officially became an independent entity called Neighborhood Music School and during the next decade a change in admission policies broadened the school's reach and enrollment reached new heights. It was in 1968, after a 4-year long building fund campaign, that the Neighborhood Music School opened its new home on Audubon Street, in what is now the heart of New Haven's thriving arts community.

Today, in its 30,000 square foot facility, Neighborhood Music School is home to thirty-three studios, practice rooms, a recital hall, and a library, showcasing the extraordinary talents of thousands of children and adults every year. In fact, just a few years ago, eighteen students from the Neighborhood Music School participated in the White House Community Classroom Music Series program with First Lady Michelle Obama. It was an extraordinary opportunity for them and a testament to the incredible opportunities this organization provides.

The Neighborhood Music School is an extraordinary organization—a place where anyone can explore their passion for music and dance. I am proud to join our community in congratulating them on their 100th anniversary and wish them all the best for many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN
VICTOR V. SCUDIERY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Victor Scudiery upon his retirement from his position as Chairman of the

Monmouth County Democratic party. Chairman Scudiery has faithfully dedicated his time and political experience to the constituents of Monmouth County, New Jersey and is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Victor Scudiery was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey where he was active in local politics. Chairman Scudiery is an alumnus of Seaton Hall University where he earned a degree in business administration. Chairman Scudiery served two years active duty and four years as a reservist with the United States Army upon graduation. Along side his brother, Chairman Scudiery began to embark on his business endeavors and opened Interstate Electronics, Inc. (IEI) in 1968. Interstate Electronics was the beginning of a successful business enterprise that later included a record company, a series of children's albums and coloring books, and numerous successful music and pictorial productions. The Airport Plaza Shopping center on Route 36 in Hazlet, New Jersey remains the Chairman's primary base of operation. Through his efforts, Airport Plaza has been revitalized. Chairman Scudiery continues to admirably oversee several other business ventures throughout the State of New Jersey.

In addition to his business ventures, Chairman Scudiery served under former Governor Brendan Byrne on the Ethics Advisory Council. Chairman Scudiery was also appointed to serve as Co-Chairman of the Boy Scouts of Monmouth County, Technical Advisor at Kean College and Chairman of the Buck Smith Scholarship Award Foundation. Chairman Scudiery sits on the Bayshore Community Hospital Board of trustees and is the Chairman of the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center Board of Directors. He is a dedicated member of the Bayshore Hospital Health Care Center. Chairman Scudiery is also a long time member of the Northern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors. As a result of his hard work and dedication, he was honored with the 2008 Business Ambassador of the Year Award.

Victor Scudiery was elected Chairman of the Monmouth County Democratic Party in 1989. Under Chairman Scudiery's leadership, the Democratic party of Monmouth County continues to make impressive strides to assure that Democrats are elected to office. Multiple towns in Monmouth County with long tradition of Republican leadership now have a Democratic presence as a result of Chairman Scudiery's direction. The Chairman will be retiring from his position in 2012. His steadfast leadership has boosted the Monmouth County Democratic party. He will continue to serve as an inspiration to future Democratic leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Chairman Victor Scudiery has dedicated his life to various philanthropic, business and political endeavors. Please join my colleagues in thanking the Chairman for 23 years of service to the Democratic Party and dedication to the Monmouth County, New Jersey community.

LORI PRUSSMAN

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 Lori Prussman of

Saint Joseph, Missouri. Lori is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in Volunteerism.

Lori Prussman is a valuable volunteer leader and has provided faithful services within the PTA for nearly 20 years. Ms. Prussman has served two terms as the St. Joseph PTA Council President. In that capacity, she has worked tirelessly promoting new schools and new technology and has patiently addressed hundreds of questions from concerned citizens. Ms. Prussman has been actively involved in leading PTA projects like the Character and Spiritual Scholarship and has worked to keep the organization solvent through the Major Savers Fundraisers. Thanks to Lori Prussman, the PTA manages to keep attention focused on advocating for children in the St. Joseph community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lori Prussman. 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 362, On agreeing to the King Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 363, On agreeing to the King Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 364, On agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 365, On agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 366, On agreeing to the Sullivan Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 367, On agreeing to the Turner Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 368, On agreeing to the Polis Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 369, Motion to Recommit H.R. 5855—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 370, Final passage of H.R. 5855—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—I would have voted "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER LANSING BUSINESS MONTHLY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Greater Lansing Business Monthly, which this month will mark the 25th anniversary of its founding by mid-Michigan entrepreneur Chris Holman.

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Holman saw the need for a publication that would promote, publicize, and support local companies, provide a forum for ideas, and keep members of the community informed of the services and products offered by businesses in the area.

The first issue of The Greater Lansing Business Monthly hit the streets in June 1987. In its 25 years of existence, the magazine has become known for its consistent quality and for the positivity of its content.

The magazine is distributed to all non-resident addresses in the cities of Lansing, Mason, Holt, Grand Ledge, East Lansing, Haslett, DeWitt, Williamston, and Okemos. Readership has grown to an estimated 40,000 per month.

The Business Monthly's content includes feature stories centered around a theme each month. Whether the topic is banking or business travel, health care or hospitality, articles highlight the quality products and people of the Greater Lansing area. These stories highlight successful businesses in the community and the people who comprise the companies.

In response to market needs, The Greater Lansing Business Monthly has become involved in many other endeavors. For example, The Greater Lansing Business Index & Survey provides an in-depth look at mid-Michigan's economy. Other projects include CEO networks, the Greater Lansing Entrepreneurial Awards, the Greater Lansing Business Showcase and the Greater Lansing Business + Sports Luncheon. The magazine is also represented on more than a dozen boards in the area. The magazine enjoys a 92 percent awareness and readership rate among businesses in the Greater Lansing market.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring The Greater Lansing Business Monthly and its staff for 25 years of exceptional service to mid-Michigan employers and their customers.

MORGAN BRAND

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 Morgan Brand of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Morgan is active in the community and in her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Leadership is a hallmark of Morgan's high school career. While earning high academic honors each semester, she remained involved in Student Council and was a delegate to the Missouri Association of Student Council Summer Leadership Workshop. Morgan's leadership extends to the broader community where she has worked part-time and was essential to the organization of the Senior Citizen Prom. She is often seen at athletic events supporting her peers, and is a member of the varsity tennis team as well as a gifted actor and singer. Morgan was also named to the Scholastic Honor Society at its May induction ceremony. Morgan is a natural tutor and mentor, leading activities for struggling students.

Those who work with Morgan describe her as highly organized and able to win the participation of others through her own example and dependability. Morgan Brand has a bright smile and a bright future both in terms of personal success and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Morgan Brand. She is an amazing individual and a tremendous asset to our com-

munity. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND BIOENGINEERING

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10-year anniversary for one of the newest Institutes at the National Institutes of Health. The Congress authorized the creation of the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering over a decade ago, and I am proud to say I was a cosponsor of the enacting legislation. Since 2002, the NIBIB has worked diligently towards its mission to develop new technologies that are combating a myriad of diseases and conditions. NIBIB is unique in the sense that unlike most Institutes at NIH, NIBIB doesn't focus on a particular body area. Its mission is not bound to a particular disease either. Instead, it fills a vital need: it creates the tools and technologies for clinicians and researchers to fight all diseases. In a way, we are all patient advocates for NIBIB.

Some of the technological advances include innovations like advanced imaging tools, such as functional MRI and PET/CT. These not only save lives by diagnosing disease noninvasively and earlier than ever before, but they have provided researchers in other areas of medicine new tools to study and combat their particular disease of focus. In its unique role at NIH, NIBIB is not only providing new bench-to-bedside diagnostics and therapies for patients, but also delivering novel bench-to-bench tools and technologies that are revolutionizing the way other researchers fight diseases in the laboratory.

In this vein, NIBIB is providing an enormously positive return on the taxpayers' investment. The therapies, diagnostics and treatments created by NIBIB research have forever changed patient care and the way we conduct research. But perhaps equally as important, these technologies are being commercialized and manufactured by the private sector here in the U.S. We are an exporter of these incredible technologies, created and manufactured by highly-skilled workers. And when the NIBIB delivers on the next game-changing technology, the U.S. will again be the home to those job-supporting companies.

With that, I would like to congratulate NIBIB, its Director, Dr. Rod Pettigrew, Deputy Director Dr. Belinda Seto and all of the dedicated staff that have made NIBIB a model of success. I hope my fellow colleagues can agree that these are important federal programs deserving of our sustained support.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL AND SYLVIA HOLLINGER

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul and Sylvia Hollinger for

their contributions and years of service to the Christian broadcasting community.

Both born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Paul and Sylvia graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in 1958 and were married that same year. After starting a "temporary" job at the Christian radio station WDAC in July of 1961, Paul's role expanded from salesman to station manager, and eventually to partner in the WDAC Radio Company. Along the way, Sylvia served as chief encourager and critic, while assisting Paul as an editor and typist.

Beyond their roles at WDAC, the "Voice of Christian Radio," Paul and Sylvia have contributed to the greater Christian broadcasting community through the National Religious Broadcasters organization. Ever-present at NRB national conventions, Paul and Sylvia developed sincere and lasting friendships with other station owners and broadcasters like David Jeremiah, James Dobson, and Joni Eareckson Tada.

From their stone farmhouse and farm in southern Lancaster County, Paul and Sylvia spent over four decades raising their two children and welcoming visitors. They are devoted grandparents to six grandchildren and eagerly await the arrival of their first great-grandchild. When not at work or home, Paul and Sylvia played an integral role in the life of Calvary Church of Lancaster. Since 1973, they have served in the capacity of Sunday school teachers, choir members, and on various church boards.

Paul is a past member of the Moody Alumni Board and I share his and Sylvia's passion for the Moody Bible Institute. I also commend them both for their unwavering commitment to upholding and defending the rights of the unborn. They have actively supported pro-life organizations and Sylvia hosts a weekly pro-life radio report titled "Heartbeat."

Today, Paul and Sylvia live in the Willow Valley retirement community where they continue to welcome family and guests, and together are writing a 70 year history of their church. Paul and Sylvia have led rich, dedicated lives to each other and for their Maker. To paraphrase a familiar verse in the Gospel of John, were all their stories written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FIREFIGHTER NATHAN RAULZ

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nathan Raulz, 18, of Conroe, Texas. Raulz had been a volunteer with Central Montgomery County Fire-Rescue (formerly River Plantation Fire Department) Station 171 for the past three years and planned to continue his career in public service.

After graduating from Conroe High School approximately three weeks ago, he joined the department full time. He loved serving his community and his country, which explain why he recently enlisted in the military as well. His dream was to serve his country, gain valuable training through the military, and then return