

graduated from the Case Institute of Technology, earning a Master of Science degree in Organizational Behavior.

Stu has served on many councils, committees, and boards and has received numerous awards and distinctions for his expertise, activism, and dedication to social justice, such as the 2005 Howard Metzenbaum Citizen Action Award by Ohio Citizen Action.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Stu Greenberg on his path-forging and inspiring career and service to the Greater Cleveland community.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, When Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low gathered 18 girls together in Savannah, GA, on March 12, 1912, she aimed to offer a hand to the youngsters by helping them to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Since that first meeting of what would become known as the Girl Scouts, millions of girls and young women have grown in courage, confidence, and character and made countless contributions to the world.

The Girl Scout leadership program exists to help girls learn more about themselves, their values, and people. Those who have made extraordinary contributions as Girl Scouts receive the Gold Award for making a difference in their communities.

Through leadership in the scouting tradition, Girls Scouts are changing our country and the world. The organization continues to operate on a strong foundation of volunteers who dedicate themselves to offering their time and talents in the interest of guiding tomorrow's leaders. Thanks to them, over 10,000 girls from kindergarten through grade 12 across 36 counties in western Virginia are enjoying the Girl Scouts program. They are among over 3 million girls and volunteers who are active members along with 50 million women in the United States who are Girl Scouts alumnae.

As the Girl Scouts celebrate their centennial with a special event in Roanoke, VA, on June 30, I applaud the organization for its long history of leadership as the voice for its many devoted members, past and present. Let us all commend the special women whose experience in Girl Scouts is influencing our communities. We look forward to today's Girl Scouts becoming our next generation of leaders.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on June 18, 2012. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

S. 684, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah—rollcall No. 379: "yea."

S. 404, To modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior—rollcall No. 380: "yea."

HONORING REV. JANE ADAMS
SPAHR

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership of the Rev. Jane Adams Spahr, whose work on behalf of justice for the LGBT community is an inspiration in Northern California and across the country.

Rev. Spahr began her ministry as a proud progressive and feminist, and as one of few willing to work publicly for the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. In 1980, Rev. Spahr served as Minister of Pastoral Care for the Metropolitan Community Church in San Francisco's Castro District. And in 1982, Rev. Spahr founded what would become the Spectrum LGBT Center, Mann County's premiere LGBT service provider and advocacy organization.

In 1991, Rev. Spahr was called to serve as co-pastor of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York, making her the first openly gay person called to such a position of leadership within the Presbyterian tradition. Unfortunately, Rev. Spahr's pastorship was challenged and ultimately revoked by Church leadership. The Reverend was instead invited to serve the Presbyterian congregation in Tiburon, California, with a focus on working within the denomination to end discrimination and foster inclusiveness and social justice.

More recently, after the Supreme Court of California struck down the State's ban on same-sex marriage, Rev. Spahr became known for officiating at the marriages of several gay and lesbian couples. The Reverend was again challenged for refusing to comply with the anti-gay marriage policies of Church leadership and earlier this year Rev. Spahr received a formal censure for her actions. However, as in the past, the congregation has rallied behind her, and the local presbytery voted overwhelmingly to refuse the censure. Although Rev. Spahr's battle continues, I am proud to support her mission to see the dignity and humanity of every individual respected.

In 2007, I honored Rev. Spahr in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD upon her retirement from Spectrum, emphasizing that her courageous passion for justice and inclusion for LGBT people has left a legacy that is paving the way to a better future. Clearly, she has advanced the cause of same-sex marriage and other rights during this time and will continue to be an inspiration and role model to all of us who care about human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you to join me in thanking the Rev. Jane Adams Spahr for her many contributions to a stronger and more inclusive community, and to the ongoing fight for full LGBT equality. We wish her every success, and we look forward to the day—closer now than ever—when the last vestiges of anti-gay discrimination are erased from our laws and from our society.

CONGRATULATING MARTHA
BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to congratulate Martha Brown Middle School for being designated as a New York State and National "School to Watch." It is a pleasure to acknowledge Martha Brown's Principal David Dunn, the Fairport School Board, the administration, teachers, faculty and students upon receiving this award as one of only seven newly designated schools in New York State to be honored with this distinction.

The recognition as a national School to Watch means that Martha Brown excels in each of the seven Essential Elements of Standards—Focused Middle Level Schools and Programs. Those seven Essential Elements are: a philosophy and mission that reflect the intellectual and developmental needs and characteristics of young adolescents; an educational program that is comprehensive, challenging, purposeful, integrated, relevant, and standards-based; an organization and structure that support both academic excellence and personal development; classroom instruction appropriate to the needs and characteristics of young adolescents provided by skilled and knowledgeable teachers; strong educational leadership and administration that encourage, facilitate, and sustain involvement, participation, and leadership; a network of academic and personal support available for all students; and professional learning and staff development for all staff that are ongoing, planned, purposeful, and collaboratively developed.

It is especially meaningful for me to know that a school within New York State's 28th Congressional District and my hometown of Fairport has achieved this prestigious honor. It is a true testament to the hard work of the teachers, administrators, and students. The fact that Martha Brown Middle School has been selected from among many qualified middle schools speaks volumes about the school's character and dedication to academic excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martha Brown Middle School of Fairport Central School District on this well-earned honor. As a "School to Watch," Martha Brown serves as a shining example for other middle schools throughout our entire nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 309, I was absent due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2012 SHELTER HOUSE, INC.
VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable efforts of Shelter House, Inc., and to congratulate the recipients of the 2012 Volunteer Awards. Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization that works to break the cycle of homelessness by offering support to those most in need in the Northern Virginia community. Shelter House provides crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to support self-sufficiency. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work of its dedicated volunteers.

Shelter House was founded in 1981 by several ecumenical groups, which came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters: The Katherine K. Hanley and the Patrick Henry family shelters, which provide temporary housing for local families who become homeless, and Artemis House, Fairfax County's domestic violence shelter. Shelter House also has transitional housing programs, and it provides services for families that have found permanent housing. This assistance is vital to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Volunteers and community partners are essential to the success of Shelter House, as they provide the tools necessary to combat homelessness. Their time, money, and effort compose the foundation of Shelter House's commendable work. This year, Shelter House has chosen several such individuals and partners to recognize for their outstanding commitment to ending homelessness in our community.

I join Shelter House in commending the following individuals and organizations being honored with 2012 Volunteer Awards:

Community Champion—Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC;

Community Champion—Virginia Tire and Auto;

Community Partner—Reading Connection;
Community Partner—Southview Community Church;

Community Partner—Keller Williams, Fairfax Gateway Office;

Friend of Shelter House—Chantelle Tait;

Friend of Shelter House—Mike Katounis & Homeworks Painting;

Friend of Shelter House—Great Falls Womens Club;

Public Service Award—Captain Willie Bailey & Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department;

Public Service Award—Kathi Sheffel & Homeless Liaison Office Tutors of Fairfax County Public Schools;

Public Service Award—Lorraine McLean & the Fairfax County Health Department;

Building Bridges Building Hope Award—Lord of Life Lutheran Church;

Building Bridges Building Hope Award—Diane Jenkins;

Building Bridges Building Hope Award—The Quilt Patch;

Youth Volunteer Award—Men On a Mission;
Youth Volunteer Award—Russ Soper; and
Youth Volunteer Award—Alec Powell.

The aforementioned individuals and organizations certainly deserve special recognition for their dedication to Shelter House. However, one also must acknowledge the importance of all Shelter House volunteers, who constantly strive to better our community through efforts to provide secure, structured environments, as well as indispensable support, for families in need. These volunteers and partners allow Shelter House to effectively battle homelessness by empowering families to achieve self sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Shelter House and its many volunteers and partners. Their selfless work benefits the entire Northern Virginia community and improves the lives of many of our neighbors.

COMMENDING HOWARD BERMAN
FOR HIS HELP PASSING H. RES.
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HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend HOWARD BERMAN for his help passing H. Res. 683, an expression of regret for the House passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Due to a clerical error, Mr. BERMAN was added as a cosponsor when he should be listed as an original cosponsor.

HOWARD was a key ally in the passage of this legislation. Because of his positive relationships with Members across the aisle, he successfully convinced key Republican lawmakers to support this effort. He was very influential in getting this bill through the House Judiciary Committee, and was with me every step of the way as we pushed to get a vote on the floor. This effort required a great deal of negotiation with the Republican leaders in the House. And who was by my side? HOWARD BERMAN! The community couldn't ask for a better or more dedicated champion to their cause.

Representative BERMAN has been a dedicated supporter since the introduction of the original resolution H. Res. 282, which he also cosponsored. Without HOWARD's support, we would not have made history when the House unanimously passed an expression of regret for the discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act on June 18, 2012.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOMAS
GREGORY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Thomas "Tommy" Gregory, a man who devoted himself to the well-being of his family, friends, community and nation.

Born on October 1, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas, Mr. Gregory dedicated 35 years of his life to public service with the United States Department of Agriculture. He was Director and Head Statistician of the National Agricultural Statistics Service Mississippi Field Office for 18 years. He developed programs, systems and publications of great use to the agricultural community. One of his priorities was to enlist, encourage, and mentor new employees to secure the future effectiveness of the Agency.

Mr. Gregory was highly respected in the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and was known for making special efforts with colleges in his area to encourage minority students to apply for work there. He recently received recognition for being the first white man in Mississippi to join the Black Employees of NASS Organization.

Additionally, Mr. Gregory was an active and courageous supporter of reforming our nation's broken monetary system. This year the Board of Trustees of the American Monetary Institute bestowed the Courage of Conviction Award to him, in honor and lasting memory of his active support in promoting monetary reform for the benefit of all Americans. He is survived by his wife Lanet, his three children Kelsey, Britny, and Garrett, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Tommy Gregory, a man of unwavering faith and vision who had the courage to live by his convictions and make a difference. He will be remembered for his outstanding and enduring service for the greater good.

RECOGNIZING NATCA'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank NATCA's 20,000 controllers, engineers and other safety-related professionals for their tireless commitment to keeping America's skies safe. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to New York's NATCA legislative representative and members. The New York Center has over 90% of its members in NATCA, which speaks to the strength and solidarity of the organization.

Every day, the men and women who work at control towers, control centers, TRACON facilities and flight service stations make it possible for 750,000 flyers to travel. Last year, these individuals staffed a staggering 134 million flight operations. Most importantly, they operate under a commitment to their motto, "Safety Above All."

NATCA's unparalleled dedication to its members and the flying public has made the National Airspace System the best air traffic system in the world. Once again, I thank NATCA and congratulate its membership on the group's 25th anniversary.