

and technology, we have introduced H.R. 1756, legislation to reauthorize this vital program and have the support of 70 bipartisan and geographically diverse cosponsors.

Since its inception in 2001, the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) has made significant progress in improving the efficiency and reliability of oilheating equipment, thus lowering costs to consumers and reducing the use of oil. NORA is a collaborative program established by the oilheat industry aiming to strengthen the industry by improving education and training for employees, providing information to customers, and developing new products for consumers. From an ecological standpoint, NORA is working on the development of sustainable biofuels as part of heating oil, and improving emissions controlling technology.

NORA is funded by a fee of 2/10th of 0.01 cent per gallon paid for by oilheat distributors only if 85% of the industry agrees that it is wanted. This fee does not affect consumers, but rather is an initiative by members of the industry to improve their product and save customers money.

Since the authorization of NORA the industry has:

Improved residential oilheat efficiency by 30 percent or 120 gallons per home. Based on the U.S. average heating oil price in the 2009/2010 winter season, the volume reduction over this period has reduced oilheat consumer's energy costs by about \$335 per household at a cost of \$7.50 per household heated with oil.

Reduced foreign oil imports by 185,000 barrels per day.

Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30 million tons. The adoption of NORA's best practices resulted in reduced claims and less severity for industry participants. This yielded a significant reduction in the cost of insurance for companies. For a typical company utilizing NORA's best practices, insurance costs per customer will be reduced by 1.0 cent per gallon.

The authorization of NORA merely provides the mechanism for the oilheat industry, should they choose to work cooperatively, develop programs, and ensure that solutions are found systematically and resourcefully. By reauthorizing NORA, we will help ensure the continuation of research that has helped lower consumer costs and improved heating efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues and the staff on the Energy and Commerce Committee for the work they have done on this legislation and urge its consideration and passage.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF A SAFE PLACE

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize A Safe Place, its Board of Trustees, its counselors, and its volunteers as the organization celebrates its milestone of twenty-five years of service to the community.

A Safe Place is an organization on Nantucket that helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as they start over and rebuild their lives. They were founded in 1987 by five members of the Nantucket Wom-

en's Bar Association and, since then, have continued to provide free and confidential services to these survivors. Over the years, the organization's outreach has expanded to also include specialized assistance to children whose lives have been affected by violence in the home.

Today, A Safe Place provides a 24-hour hotline that people can call when they are in immediate need of assistance, and its counselors often will meet with survivors in the local hospital or police station as soon as the need arises. It has even organized a network of "safe houses" on the island through its Safe Home initiative, a program through which volunteers offer emergency accommodation in their own homes to those leaving an abusive situation. The organization provides assistance with relocation as survivors work to rebuild their lives. When a survivor must confront her abuser in court, a counselor from A Safe Place is often right by her side. A Safe Place offers comfort and assistance to hundreds of people each year, and it is considered to be an invaluable service to the Nantucket community by local law enforcement and healthcare providers.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor A Safe Place, its Board of Trustees, its counselors and its volunteers as the organization celebrates twenty-five years of service. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this organization to the Nantucket community and its significance to those whose lives have been changed by its support.

#### RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF OHIO IN CARING FOR OLDER AMERICANS

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, as we work to re-evaluate our country's health care delivery and payment system, I rise in recognition of the great success my home state of Ohio has had in caring for our senior citizens. Ohio Governor John Kasich realized not only the cost savings but also the quality of care that could be achieved through caring for seniors in their own homes. He dramatically increased the availability of home health services for Ohio's senior populations, and according to the Ohio Department on Aging, the state will save an additional \$300 million per year by 2020 because of that decision.

When seniors are paying their own room and board, sleeping in their own beds, and doing their own laundry and cooking, they end up having more personal investment in their own health care decisions—covering costs that taxpayers would otherwise pay in increased Medicare and Medicaid spending. Giving seniors, and all Americans, more control over their medical choices and health care dollars will help promote high-quality, cost-effective health care.

Last month was Older Americans Month, and this year's theme was Never Too Old To Play. Older Americans were encouraged "to stay engaged, active and involved in their own lives and in their communities." What better way for seniors to do this than to receive

needed care in the comfort of their own homes? I applaud the state of Ohio for the quality and cost-effective care we are offering our senior citizens and encourage the federal government to do the same.

#### CONGRATULATING USCG CAPTAIN STEVE POULIN ON PROMOTION TO REAR ADMIRAL

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer congratulations to USCG Captain Steve Poulin for his much-deserved promotion on June 25, 2012, to the rank of Rear Admiral. His unwavering dedication to duty, combined with his impeccable service record, is a credit to the United States Coast Guard.

For the people of the Gulf Coast, Captain Poulin has been a good friend and protector of our shores as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile, Alabama, from 2009 to 2010.

During his command of Sector Mobile, Captain Poulin demonstrated a level of professionalism in keeping with the finest traditions of the Coast Guard. He was not only the leader of one of the largest operations in the Coast Guard but also a visible and respected member of our community.

Prior to assuming the command of Sector Mobile, he served in Mobile during earlier assignments as Deputy Commander, from 2007 to 2009, and as Law Enforcement Officer and Assistant Operations Officer from 1986 to 1989.

On July 9, 2010, Captain Poulin left the command of the USCG station in Mobile to assume sole duties as local incident commander for the Unified Command. In this capacity, Captain Poulin marshaled Coast Guard resources in the federal response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill which threatened our coastline for much of 2010.

Captain Poulin's extensive service record also includes assignments as Deputy Commander of the Coast Guard Group Galveston, Texas, from 1996 to 1999, and Special Adviser for Border and Transportation Security for Vice President Richard Cheney from 2005 to 2007. From 2003 to 2005, he was Coast Guard liaison to the State Department's Office of Oceans Affairs. He also served as Legal Counsel for the Coast Guard's Port Security Director from 2002 to 2003, and Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs from 1999 to 2001.

A 1984 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Poulin was awarded his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the Miami School of Law in 1992.

After leaving the Gulf Coast, Captain Poulin assumed the position as the Coast Guard's director of Congressional Affairs in Washington, DC. He currently serves as the Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Office Chief.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to congratulate Rear Admiral Poulin on his promotion. I also would like to extend my very best wishes to his lovely wife, Sherry, and their two children, Steven and Erin.

TRIBUTE TO MS. SUZANNE GOSS

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ms. Suzanne Goss, Government Relations Specialist for JEA (Electric, Water & Sewer) on her recent election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Ms. Goss is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward who plays a prominent role in seeking a sound direction for the implementation of the Clean Water Act. Throughout her career in the water industry, Ms. Goss has exemplified what it means to be a public servant. Ms. Goss will continue to ensure that Florida's, and the Nation's, clean water agencies are sustainable, that the environment continues to improve, and that public health is protected.

At JEA, Ms. Goss works for an advanced publicly owned water, electric, and sewer utility, providing invaluable services to approximately 420,000 people in Northeast Florida. Ms. Goss effectively engages in complex state and federal legislative and regulatory issues involving wastewater and drinking water with an in-depth knowledge of the affordability concerns of her community and the need for a partnership between all levels of government. She also manages JEA's Grant Program.

A member of NACWA's Board of Directors since 2007, Ms. Goss has served as the organization's Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President, and has been a member of many NACWA committees and workgroups. She has played a leading role in NACWA's pretreatment program and is also one of the drivers behind the organization's funding efforts. In 2005 she received the President's Award for her work as Vice Chair of the Clean Water Funding Task Force.

In addition to her work with NACWA, Ms. Goss is an active member of local, regional, state and national professional organizations. These include the American Water Works Association, the New Water Supply Coalition, the Florida Municipal Energy Association, the Florida Water Environment Association, the Florida Energy Coordinating Group, the Pinellas County Sewer System and the Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology Sustainable Infrastructure.

Ms. Goss has selflessly shared her time, passion, energy and ideas to carry out the objectives of the Clean Water Act.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Suzanne Goss on becoming President of NACWA. I am certain her actions will ensure continued water quality progress for the Jacksonville area, the State of Florida and the Nation.

IN HONOR OF CORPORAL BERNARD  
P. CORPUZ

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Corporal Bernard P. Corpuz,

and to join the U.S. Army in recognizing his service to our nation by dedicating the military's newest language training facility in his honor. Corporal Corpuz was a native to California's Central Coast, and represented his community with pride during his service in the Army. He was killed in action in Ghazni, Afghanistan, on June 11, 2006 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bernard Corpuz was born on August 16, 1977, and grew up near Watsonville, California. He graduated from Palma High School and attended Hartnell College, both in Salinas, California. In July 2004, Corpuz joined the U.S. Army. After completing basic training, he was sent back to California's Central Coast to study at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLI) in Monterey, California. DLI is the nation's largest and most rigorous language education center. Corpuz completed a rigorous six-month French basic course and graduated on April 28, 2005. His instructors at DLI described him as an extremely dedicated student of French, who studied the language with passion and read French literary and religious books with zeal.

Following DLI, Corpuz trained as an Army interrogator. In December 2005, he deployed with the 303rd Military Intelligence Battalion, part of the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, to Afghanistan. On June 11, 2006, Corporal Corpuz was fatally wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated while he traveled in a convoy of vehicles conducting a village assessment. He died in the arms of a Catholic chaplain at the age of 28.

Our nation's need for military linguists has grown dramatically in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks. DLI has grown in an equally dramatic way to meet this demand. Congress and the Department of Defense have helped by funding the expansion and modernization of DLI's teaching facilities. The newest facility, a 47,000 square foot state of the art building will be formally dedicated and named in honor of Corporal Corpuz on Friday, June 22, 2012. The new Corpuz Hall will house DLI's Multi-Language School, which educates students in the critical languages of Dari, Pashto, Urdu, Uzbek, Punjabi, Turkish, and Hindi. Every time these future military linguists enter the building they will be reminded of the passion and determination Corporal Corpuz brought to the classroom and to his service to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak on behalf of the entire House, in expressing our nation's gratitude to Corporal Bernard P. Corpuz. Also, may his mother, Peggy Corpuz, seek comfort in knowing her son's name is a beacon for higher learning and national service.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALLY BOROUGH

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bally Borough, Berks County, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary.

While the Borough of Bally was incorporated in 1912, it has a rich history that stretches back to before the American Revolution when present-day Bally was known as

Goshenhoppen in Philadelphia County. The original settlers enjoyed generally peaceable relations with the Indians and worked hard to ensure the survival of their frontier settlement.

After 1855, the town was re-named Churchville, Washington Township, due to the prominence of the Catholic and Mennonite churches that had been in the area since the 18th century. After the death of Father Bally, the Catholic priest in the village, a post office was established in Churchville in 1883 and named for the revered priest. The name of the village was eventually changed to correspond with that of the post office and, in 1912, was incorporated as the Borough of Bally.

Over the years, Bally has grown from a few families in a small frontier town to a vibrant borough of over 1,090 people and 430 households. In times of war, the citizens of Bally have always heeded their country's call, and are commemorated by the war memorial dedicated to their service. The Borough of Bally has been home to many industrial concerns including the Great American Knitting Mill, Bally Case and Cooler, Bally Pants Factory, Bally Ribbon Mills, and Bally Block Company. Throughout its rich history, Bally Borough and its citizens have made great contributions to the quality of the economic and social life of Berks County and the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Bally Borough and its storied history on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the Borough's continued longevity.

MYPIE INC.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katherine Anne Crouse and Peter Crouse, owners of myPie Inc., for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

myPie opened in 2010 with Katherine delivering pizzas subway style via her bicycle, which she rides to and from work every day. myPie is the first delivery service in the U.S. to sell pizzas in a subway sandwich style. This entrepreneurial eye carries forth in their community outreach as well.

myPie initiated the 31.4% day where it awards 31.4% of all sales to local charitable organizations and schools. So far myPie has donated more than \$3,000 to Wheat Ridge High School and Middle School, the Action Center of Jefferson County, 40 West Arts in Lakewood, and Wheat Ridge 20/20.

myPie is a model for outstanding ethics in business. It is an example for all businesses in America to emulate.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katherine Anne Crouse and Peter Crouse for their well deserved recognition by the Rotary of Golden. I have no doubt Katherine and Peter will exhibit the same dedication and character in all their future accomplishments.