

While at Rio Hondo College, he established a community advisory committee that includes local school and government officials, service agencies, religious groups, small businesses and veteran's groups. Our community is especially grateful for the strong and vibrant Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program and outstanding Veterans Service Center that were established under his watch at Rio Hondo College. In 2010, Under Dr. Martinez' leadership, in 2010 Rio Hondo College launched the award-winning South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) partnership that provides students from underserved areas with a historically low college attendance a real pipeline to college.

Dr. Martinez's commitment to education has not gone unnoticed. Among many other honors and awards, Ted has been distinctly honored with the Outstanding President Award from the California Community College Council for Staff Development, the District 6 Pacesetter of the Year Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, and the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Key Award from the International Honorary Society for students in two-year colleges.

AARON TATE

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 Aaron Tate for receiving the 2012 Amgen Foundation's Teacher of the Year Award.

This award is designed to recognize and honor extraordinary science teachers at the K–12 level who significantly impact their students through exemplary science teaching and who achieve demonstrated results in student learning in communities where Amgen operates.

Mr. Tate has been a middle-school science educator for nearly ten years at Bromley East Charter School in Brighton, CO. His classroom experiences include developing and implementing 7th grade science and S.T.E.M. elective courses, sponsoring chess, middle school science, and LEGO clubs, and overseeing the 7th grade science fair. Aaron Tate's commitment to teaching science is commendable.

In addition to his time in the classroom, Aaron is a member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, where he stays abreast of the newest researched-based best practices in science education.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aaron Tate for this well deserved recognition by the Amgen Foundation. Thank you for your dedication to the future of science in our classrooms and your commitment to the community.

HONORING SABRINA SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker I rise to honor a remarkable young woman,

Sabrina Smith, a recent graduate at Madison Shannon Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi. Sabrina is the proud daughter of Sharon Smith and they reside in Lambert, Mississippi.

Her teachers consider her to be an ideal student because of her honesty, respectful behavior, and hard work. Sabrina is a recipient of numerous awards including the Honor Roll, Principal List, Superintendent List, Perfect Attendance, and special recognition from her teachers for making the highest grades in their classes. Her class work has always exhibited the highest standard of excellence. Every day she works to better herself in school, as well as in everything she undertakes because she understands a good education leads to success.

Sabrina has always been involved in extra-curricular activities. She is a former member of the Madison Shannon Palmer High School Choir, a member of the Student Council, Treasurer for the Sophomore Class of 2010, and Secretary for the Junior Class of 2011. Sabrina is also a member of the National Beta Club where she regularly participates in its book drives. She is a dedicated supporter of community service. Sabrina wanted to get an early start on her career aspirations, so she volunteered to participate in the Quitman County School District Job Shadow Program. Through this program, Sabrina learned valuable hands-on professional skills such as punctuality, the principles of business attire and good grooming, problem solving, oral communication, team spirit and compromise, and responsibility. She believes that these are some of the skills that are necessary for her to be successful in both her career and her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sabrina Smith as Valedictorian of Madison Shannon Palmer High School's Class of 2012.

DOMESTIC ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4480) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, there are now 34 days left in this legislative session. We could—and should—be focusing our attention on serious legislation that will create jobs and make a real difference in the lives of our constituents. Like a long term transportation bill. Or preventing a doubling of student loan interest rates. Or the President's American Jobs Act.

Instead, under the pretense of lowering gas prices, we are dealing with this ill-considered collection of seven proposals that together would gut the Clean Air Act, trump responsible

public lands management, and needlessly encumber the President's ability to safeguard our energy security.

In a radical departure from over forty years of successful, science-based clean air regulation, this legislation would for the first time require the EPA to consider industry costs when determining what level of ozone is "safe" for Americans to breathe—which is like a doctor changing a patient's diagnosis based on the cost of the treatment. Costs clearly matter, and they are routinely incorporated into the scoping of compliance plans. But they should never be allowed to interfere with the initial, scientific determination as to what is safe for Americans and what is not. This kind of error is further extended to the public lands provisions of this bill, which elevate energy production over hunting, fishing, recreation, conservation and other management uses while imposing arbitrary deadlines for the approval of onshore drilling applications regardless of safety concerns. Finally, the President's ability to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to respond to disruptions in our Nation's energy supply would for the first time be conditioned on a poorly defined new drilling plan that is completely unrelated to the purpose of the SPR.

Mr. Chair, this is not serious legislation. It is hastily thrown together legislative filler which everyone in this chamber understands is dead on arrival in the Senate. Given the magnitude of the challenges we face, we simply do not have this kind of time to waste.

WILFREDO HUERTA

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 Wilfredo Huerta for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wilfredo Huerta is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Wilfredo Huerta is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wilfredo Huerta for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING STANLEY HOWELL HALL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Stanley Howell Hall. "Stan," as he liked to be

called, was a trailblazing public servant who had the distinction of serving as one of the first African-American City Managers in the State of California. Known as a hard-working and talented colleague, a visionary consultant and a man of great faith, Mr. Hall has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on May 31, 2012, we look to Stan Hall's public legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 11, 1946 to William and Hazel Hall, Stan was the sixth child of a family of eight children. He was named Outstanding Young Man of America twice by the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce and was a high school honors graduate. Earning his bachelor's in History at San Francisco State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, Mr. Hall acquired a breadth of civic knowledge that he would use throughout his career. He settled in Richmond, California, working as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Eight years later, he became the first African-American City Manager in Seaside, California. He did all of this by the young age of 32.

In addition to career milestones serving as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Port of Oakland, as well as City Manager for both East Palo Alto and Hollister, California, Mr. Hall became a sought-after consultant. He founded the government advocacy and consulting business, American Service Associates, which aided local community development through expertise in transportation, parking and project management.

Mr. Hall was also keenly committed to community leadership. Among his numerous accolades and associations, he was a three-term President and CEO of the Bay Area Urban League, as well as Principal Officer of West Coast Infrastructure for Amtrak. He had the distinction of being honored by the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC and received awards from the Harbon Publishing Co. and the Gillette Co. for Achievement in Business and Professional Excellence. His awards from Members of Congress, the State Assembly and the State Senate speak to the quality of his prolific career. And most recently, he was recognized by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Patriotic Service.

Active in 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Mr. Hall was also a devoted church member. He served both Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond and Allen Temple Baptist Church, where he sang in the chorus and built a strong spiritual family. From his groundbreaking work in public service to his renowned work ethic, Mr. Hall never ceased to challenge himself. He was even an accomplished pianist.

On a personal note, I will miss Stan's smiles, his words of encouragement and his support. Stan held a very successful event for me at his home recently and he was as happy as I to be with long-time friends. He proudly showed me through his cozy house and he was especially delighted to show me his backyard, with its beautiful fruit trees and grass. When I visited him in the hospital a few days before his passing, he smiled. In his own way, he communicated the depth of love for his friends and me—and I felt that he was at peace and ready to meet the Lord. I will miss him tremendously.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding indi-

vidual and a stalwart community leader, Mr. Stanley Howell Hall. He was a respected colleague, a beloved brother and a dear friend who will be deeply missed by an extended group of loved ones. I offer my sincerest condolences to Stan's surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his incredible life. May his soul rest in peace.

LAKELAND COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Lakeland College for 150 years of service as an undergraduate institution of higher education. Lakeland College is a private four year liberal arts college related to the United Church of Christ located near Sheboygan, Wisconsin—which is in my congressional district.

The college was founded in 1862 by a group of German immigrants to offer a traditional seminary curriculum to the local community. Over the years, it began to host additional courses and programs of study. The college adopted the name "Lakeland" in 1956 when the seminary program moved to Minnesota. In 1991, Lakeland opened a second campus in Shinjuku, Japan, to accommodate students with international interests.

Today, Lakeland College serves nearly 4,000 students and offers an 18 to 1 student to faculty ratio. It offers more than thirty degree programs and four graduate programs including education, counseling, business administration, and theology. Lakeland hosts a multicultural student body with students from over 30 countries.

Lakeland prides itself on its ability to foster an educational, covenantal, just, and global community, not only at its main campus near Sheboygan, but also at its campuses in Chipewawa Falls, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin Rapids.

I have had the opportunity to visit the College on numerous occasions and commend retiring president Dr. Stephen Gould for his 42 years of service to Lakeland. In 2002, I was honored to have had the opportunity to speak at Lakeland's commencement ceremony. It is evident that the College instills strong community values in its students and alumni.

Strong institutions help make strong communities, and the people of Wisconsin, especially those in the Sheboygan area, are proud of the 150 years of service that Lakeland College has provided. To recognize this accomplishment, Governor Walker has declared June 23 as Lakeland College Day, a well deserved honor. Over 1,000 alumni will return to campus to celebrate June 21–24.

I extend my congratulations to Lakeland College on its 150th Anniversary and wish all its faculty, staff, students, and alumni continued success in their endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE "BROWARD IS GREATER THAN AIDS" CAMPAIGN ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Broward is Greater than AIDS" (Broward > AIDS) campaign, an initiative of the Broward County Health Department (BCHD) to raise public awareness of the importance of knowing your HIV status and getting tested. The launch of the Broward > AIDS campaign takes place as we observe the 18th Annual National HIV Testing Day on June 27, 2012, a joint initiative between the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) aimed at promoting HIV testing.

While advances in antiretroviral treatment now allow people living with HIV/AIDS to have longer, more productive lives than ever before, HIV continues to spread at a staggering rate. Nationwide, 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV/AIDS, and 50,000 individuals become newly infected with the virus each year. Furthermore, more than one in five HIV-positive individuals are unaware that they are infected, which not only increases their risk for developing worse health outcomes but also the likelihood of transmitting the virus to others.

Although HIV/AIDS knows no borders, race, or gender, it has taken a particularly devastating toll on South Florida and certain groups. Since 2008, Broward County has had the highest rate of HIV infection per-capita in the nation. Within the past year, new HIV infections rose by 25 percent while new cases of AIDS also increased significantly. In addition, according to the BCHD, HIV/AIDS continues to have a disparate impact on men who have sex with men (MSM) and black heterosexual women.

HIV/AIDS can happen to anyone, but we have the power to stop HIV and create an AIDS-free generation. It all begins with getting tested for HIV to find out your status and using this knowledge to take better care of yourself, your loved ones, and your community. Equally important is also knowing the status of your partner. Regular HIV testing has been proven to save lives and reduce new infections. The Broward > AIDS campaign is a vital tool to educate individuals and the community about the realities of HIV/AIDS, why they should get tested, and where testing is available.

Through the Broward > AIDS campaign, the BCHD seeks to encourage and increase HIV testing to reduce the spread of the disease as well as the stigma associated with it. The unfortunate fact remains that many individuals and communities do not talk about HIV/AIDS. We cannot hope to eliminate the stigma and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS if we do not break the silence. HIV/AIDS is not just a personal health issue, it is a community health issue and we all have a responsibility to do our part to protect our families, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, this National HIV Testing Day, I commend the Broward County Health Department and its comprehensive HIV/AIDS