

outreach campaign, Broward > AIDS, for working to increase HIV testing and end stigma. Together with effective, evidence-based policies that address barriers to HIV testing and access to treatment and care, we know that we can overcome HIV/AIDS.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and applaud the Colorado Railroad Museum for receiving the Living Landmark Award.

The Living Landmark Award is presented by the Golden Landmarks Association, a non-profit organization which works to preserve historic places and educate people about the wonderful history the Golden area has to offer.

The Colorado Railroad Museum has provided an interesting and colorful history of railroading unique to the Western United States. Railroads have been instrumental in Colorado's history by encouraging the economy, migration, and culture to flourish. In 1959, Robert W. Richardson and Cornelius W. Hauck opened the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden.

The museum houses the largest repository for Colorado's railroad history and nearly 100,000 people visit the museum every year. In the late 90's the museum added a climate-controlled library to house books, photographs, and corporate records and added an authentic roundhouse and turntable to restore and maintain the historic equipment. To instill in today's youth a love for trains and railroads, The Colorado Railroad Museum offers train rides every weekend and hosts the Thomas the Tank Engine event every year.

The Colorado Railroad Museum is ranked among the top 25 Denver area historical and cultural attractions and has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institute, American Association of State and Local History, and Colorado Historical Society for its work preserving railroad history in the Rocky Mountains.

I am honored to congratulate the Colorado Railroad Museum; I know they will work to provide an understanding and passion of railroads for future generations.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MICHEL RUSSELL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Michel Russell, on the occasion of his return home from duty in Afghanistan.

In his role as a United States Army Brigade Commander, Mr. Russell was uniquely responsible for over 50,000 United States Army Soldiers, Department of Army Civilians and contractors from private industry, a command of equivalent size to an entire Army Corps.

Colonel Russell was commander of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) during a unique period in time. As a result of the

Presidential directed drawdown of military forces in Afghanistan, Colonel Russell was responsible for ensuring the redeployment of equipment in addition to the 401st AFSB's traditional functions of sustaining theater forces with quality of life products such as food, warfighting equipment such as MRAPS, and developing and fielding emerging technologies to increase force protection and quality of life for soldiers.

Colonel Russell and his team of soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and private industry contractors created from scratch the Afghanistan redeployment process. This process is responsible for maintaining, repairing, and removing thousands of pieces of equipment out of Afghanistan and back to the Continental United States or other locations where United States Forces are stationed.

Colonel Russell and his team serve as the "Face to the Field" for the United States Army Materiel Command, the United States Army Sustainment Command and the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, providing all war fighters the equipment they need in the Afghanistan Theater to fight America's enemies who harbor ill-will toward freedom.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Colonel Michel Russell for his steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, his fellow soldiers, and his nation. We owe our freedom to men like Colonel Russell, whose devotion to our nation will forever be remembered and appreciated.

RECOGNIZING DR. RICHARD CROWE ASTRONOMER-IN-RESIDENCE, IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER OF HAWAII, AND CO-FOUNDER, ASTRONOMER PROGRAM—UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard A. Crowe of Hilo, Hawaii—an extraordinary man whose loss is deeply felt. For the past few decades, Dr. Crowe's leadership in the fields of astronomy and physics and his profound love of teaching has influenced generations of islanders throughout East Hawaii and our island state.

Dr. Crowe was a vital part of the University of Hawaii at Hilo: the co-founder of the astronomy program and the Astronomer-In-Residence at the Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii, which is affiliated with the university. A beloved professor, Dr. Crowe inspired many to follow in his footsteps and pursue careers in astronomy.

Dr. Crowe also shared his passion for astronomy with Hawaii Island's younger students. His portable planetarium could be found in public school classrooms throughout Hilo, helping Dr. Crowe to get students excited about astronomy.

He was committed to community and public service—participating in the Hawaii County Band, the Kanilehua Chorale, and the local rotary club.

We remember and honor Dr. Crowe, and I join with his family, friends, colleagues, and students in giving thanks for his life of service and inspiration.

His greatest legacy continues to be the many who have discovered their own love for the stars and galaxies above us through his influence. Dr. Crowe and his teachings will never be forgotten.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much).

HONORING THE LADYWOOD BLAZERS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Ladywood Blazers, Michigan High Athletic Association Division II Softball Champions, from my hometown of Livonia upon winning their first state title.

Led by Head Coach Scott Combs, the Blazers won the Central Division of the Catholic High School League and went on to defeat Farmington Hills Mercy to earn the CHSL A-B Division championship.

Ladywood came out swinging in their opening round of district play, overpowering Livonia Clarenceville, 17-0. The Blazers eliminated Dearborn Divine Child, 4-0, in the District 58 final and advanced to regional competition. First round opponent Detroit Kettering forfeited but the down time did not affect the Blazers as they erased Center Line, 13-0 and claimed the Region 15 title. Advancing to quarterfinal action, Ladywood defeated St. Clair, 4-2 and then tamed the Wildcats of Wayland Union by an identical 4-2 score in the semi-final round to earn a berth in the state final.

The Blazers had been in the state final in 2009, losing a heartbreaker to Niles. It was a long ride home from Battle Creek as runners-up. This time Ladywood wouldn't be denied as they shutout Saginaw Swan Valley, 4-0 and hoisted the Division II State Championship Softball trophy on June 16, 2012 to close out a stellar 39-3 season.

Mr. Speaker, the Ladywood Blazers and Head Coach Scott Combs, having compiled an impressive 170-31 record over the last 5 years, deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement, and spirit. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ladywood Blazers for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country.

VIRGINIA LARSON

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 Virginia Larson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Virginia Larson is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Virginia Larson 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 Virginia Larson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
JACKIE JENKINS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Jackie Jenkins of Westminster, California, who was recently selected as one of the California School Employees Association's (CSEA) top five Members of the Year. She will receive the award at the 86th Annual CSEA conference later this year.

Mrs. Jenkins has served the Westminster School District for over 25 years as a parent, through the PTA, in many classified positions, and currently as the School Office Manager at the largest elementary school in the district.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Jenkins has exemplified professional service to parents, students, and staff. Not only does she expertly manage the school's office, but she is a mentor to others and her high standards of service are an example for other classified employees in the school district.

Mrs. Jenkins also consistently brings out the best in each and every student. She listens to them read, encourages to them to be better classmates, and even helps students carefully place their first lost tooth in a special container. It's clear to everyone she encounters that Mrs. Jenkins is a sensitive and caring confidant to all.

In addition to being a consummate office manager, Mrs. Jenkins serves as the CSEA President. In this role, she has motivated others to serve in CSEA and built the capacity of the organization so it can continue to ensure the success of every student in the school district.

According to her school principal, Linda Reed, and her many supportive colleagues at the Westminster School District, Mrs. Jenkins is a positive person that has a great sense of humor, and always encourages everyone to be the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mrs. Jenkins on this award and thank her for her humble service and dedication to ensuring that our children receive a rich and rewarding education.

HONORING THE MORRIS COUNTY
LIBRARY ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County Library located in the Township of Whippany, Morris County, New Jersey who are celebrating their 90th anniversary.

The staff of the Morris County Library (MCL), through their dedicated hard work, has made the library a vibrant source of pride and activity for the local community. Following the passage of a bill in 1921 by the New Jersey Legislature to establish county libraries, the Morris County Library was formed in 1921 by a public vote. With over 10,000 books catalogued and a new book car to help their books reach the public, the library opened its doors in Morristown in 1922 to serve Morris County.

The MCL continued to grow in its early years and by 1927 established a children's book section, which by the end of the year, saw every book in circulation checked out. The MCL also opened its resources to the local community with donations of books to the State Hospital at Morris Plains, Civilian Conservation Corps and the Morris County Jail. The MCL played a significant role in our nation's defense during World War II by becoming a federal depository for government publications, as well as boasting a large collection of books on U.S. defense.

The MCL grew with the times, instituting an automated book catalog and circulation system in 1970 and a completely computerized catalog in 1987. This growth meant that a new building was required to contain the resources and accommodate the future growth of this Morris County institution. An architectural plan for a new library was unveiled in 1991 and by 2001 the new Morris County Library building in Whippany was dedicated. The new library contained group study rooms and public meeting rooms which instantly received high demand from the public. Their computer rooms also were capable of hosting training courses on a wide variety of subjects.

Today, the Morris County Library serves 487,000 people with their collection of over 247,000 books and sees 521,000 borrows per year. In 2011 alone, their reference desk answered 63,815 questions, several for my office! The meeting rooms of the library have also seen significant use hosting thousands of meetings a year. The MCL continues to partner with community organizations such as the AARP, Carol G. Simon Cancer Center and the U.S. Veteran's Administration. The MCL has seen a number of awards during its history, including the NJ Library Association Swartzburg Preservation Award and Librarian of the Year from the New York Times.

The significant resources held in the library and these community partnerships would not be possible if not for the commitment shown by the staff of the Library. Their work on behalf of literacy and their community has made the Morris County Library a vital institution in Morris County and New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the staff of the Morris County Library as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION
ACT OF 2012

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the value of the medical device industry in my State and our nation as a whole.

This industry is working on some of the most exciting and cutting-edge technologies in the entire health care sector and has changed the lives of millions of Americans.

According to estimates, the medical device industry employs approximately 430,000 nationwide. My State is fortunate to have a vibrant medical device industry with nearly 8,000 individuals directly employed at companies, such as BD and Covidien. These companies also support approximately 12,000 more indirect jobs in my home state. Beyond providing quality, high-paying jobs, these businesses are responsible corporate citizens who are trying to enhance the communities where they are located and the people who live there. For example, employees at BD's plant in Canaan, Connecticut—which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary—have served as mentors to the Housatonic Valley Regional High School and have contributed generously to the United Way and other local charities. In line with a growing body of evidence on the positive impact bariatric surgery can have on diabetics, Covidien has worked with American Diabetes Association to fund new research on this potentially life-changing procedure.

Unfortunately, when the House recently considered the Health Care Cost Reduction Act of 2012 (H.R. 436), the majority included an offset that, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, would result in 350,000 fewer Americans receiving health care coverage. As part of the Affordable Care Act, the Federal Government is set to provide millions of Americans with premium tax credits for the purchase of health insurance. This will not only increase rates of coverage but will also lead to lower overall health costs since more people are insured. The offset that was included in H.R. 436, known as the "true-up" provision, would have subjected these individuals to large repayment amounts if for some reason their income levels increased from the time that they were actually receiving coverage to the time they filed their taxes the following year. This could come as a result of the individual or spouse starting a new job or returning to work after school. While I could not support this legislation, I understand the need to reduce the medical device industry's burden in paying for health care reform.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can all agree that to maintain our position as the world leader in biotechnology, the United States needs to foster innovation and growth within our health care industries. I am proud that I represent a number of those companies and hope that we will find bipartisan solutions to create an environment where they will continue to succeed and develop new breakthrough therapies.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD
ZIMRING

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dr. Donald Zimring, who is retiring from the Las Virgenes Unified School District in Calabasas, California, to become head of