

acquiring the necessary permits, and remodeling the site to fit the needs of the school. Kadima's facilities now include separate yard spaces for the Early Childhood Education Center and Kindergarten, as well as athletic fields, an auditorium and swimming pool, ample classroom space, a 6,000 volume library, and a full kitchen and cafeteria. Both Dorit and Shawn have done a great job serving on Kadima's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dorit and Shawn for their philanthropy and their years of service and dedication to the education and service of our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED
WAY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the volunteers, employees and representatives of United Way as they celebrate 125 years of motivating millions of people to advance the common good.

On June 21, 2012, the worldwide network celebrated their United Way Day of Action, a day dedicated to volunteer and community service activities and encouraging others to pledge to become readers, tutors, or mentors. Also, on June 28, 2012, they will be celebrating the official United Way Founders Day, commemorating community leaders Frances Wisebart Jacobs, the Rev. Myron W. Reed, Msgr. William J. O'Ryan, Dean H. Martyn Hart and Rabbi William S. Friedman for founding the Charity Organizations Society, the first "United Way" Organization in Denver, Colorado in 1887.

In 125 years, United Way has expanded beyond Denver and Colorado and beyond the United States to become a network of almost 1,800 community-based United Ways in 45 countries and territories around the world. In as many years, United Way has become one of the biggest and most influential charity organizations in the world. To emphasize this point, United Way, in a partnership with the National Football League (NFL), raised more than \$1 billion dollars in 1974—the first time in history that an annual campaign of a single organization had raised this much money.

United Way envisions "a world where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives." For this reason, in 2008, they set forth a 10-year program to achieve three goals by 2018: (1) Improve education and cut the number of high school dropouts (1.2 million students every year) in half; (2) help people achieve financial stability and get at least half of lower-income families (1.9 million families) on the way to economic independence; (3) promote healthy lives and increase by one-third the number of youth and adults who are healthy and avoid risky behaviors. These are ambitious goals but I am confident that the thousands of United Way advocates will work tirelessly to achieve them.

I would like to especially recognize the local United Way organizations in Georgia's Second Congressional District: Greater Valdosta

United Way, Inc., United Way of South Central Georgia, United Way of Southwest Georgia, Bainbridge—Decatur United Way, United Way of Colquitt County, and United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley. I applaud the members and volunteers of these organizations for dedicating their time and efforts to support their neighbors in need.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our collective and profound gratitude to the volunteers, employees and representatives of United Way for all they have done to improve the quality of life for the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District and all around the world.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH'S HOME

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph's Home, a safe, supportive environment for homeless individuals transitioning from local hospitals and other social service agencies following a period of illness or surgery.

Cleveland has had a long history of organizations stepping up and caring for the less fortunate. The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) arrived in Cleveland, Ohio from France in 1851 to serve as the city's first public health nurses, laying the foundation for what would become Joseph's House. The CSA quickly began providing the health and educational needs of Cleveland's most impoverished and vulnerable residents. Over the past 160 years, the CSA has remained dedicated to addressing the root causes of poverty and meeting the needs of the communities they serve.

A group of CSA Sisters, led by founding Sisters Joan Gallagher and Regina Fierman, noticed that Greater Cleveland's homeless community transitioning from local hospitals and other social service agencies following a period of illness or surgery did not have access to a safe and supportive environment. With a legacy of responding to the unmet needs of the community's most vulnerable residents, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine opened the doors of Joseph's Home in June 2000.

Joseph's House has helped over 400 men transition back into the world and has provided them with a second chance in life. Each year, around 50 men are helped; the house has a capacity of 11 men at any given time. The people served by Joseph's House, leave it with the confidence and support that helps them succeed. Joseph's House provides its residents with job opportunities, educational advancement and more importantly, a place to call home.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Joseph's House for its years of service and dedication to improving the lives of the less fortunate.

A TRIBUTE TO BISHOP ALBERT L.
JAMISON, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr.

Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr. is a native of Brooklyn, New York. He serves as the distinguished Pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Tabernacle where he holds the unique honor of pastoring in the church of which he was born and raised. He has taken his congregation to a new awareness of God.

He is a nationally known evangelist, who travels across the United States to some of the largest cities and churches preaching the Gospel. He is the president and founder of "Pentecost At Any Cost" ministry. As a dedicated pastor and leader in the ministerial field, Bishop Jamison exemplifies a powerful Gospel music ministry. In 1970, Bishop Jamison began working with the late Reverend James Cleveland and continued working with him until the Lord called Rev. Cleveland home.

While serving on the Board of Directors, Bishop Jamison was voted "Chairman" of the Board of Directors, March 1996. He has taken the world's largest Gospel music organization, The Gospel Music Workshop of America, to new heights.

He is the loving husband of Lady Dianette Jamison and the proud father of Jourdan Allen and Joshua Jermelle Jamison. His eldest son, Albert J. Jamison preceded him in death in January 2001.

Because he dares to believe God, his life serves as an example to those he leads to develop a personal relationship with the Lord, to study the Word of God and to face the challenges of life depending whole-heartedly in faith on the Lord. This way of life is expressed in one of his favorite scriptures found in II Corinthians 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr. for his extraordinary contributions to the Brooklyn community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPREME
COURT DECISION UPHOLDING
THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, after two years battling in the courts I am proud to announce today that the Supreme Court has upheld the Affordable Care Act. This has been a long and difficult fight, but I can say without a doubt it has been worth it.

This landmark ruling will allow millions of Americans to rest easy, knowing that they will not be driven into debt from medical bills if they get sick. Children will no longer be denied possibly life saving healthcare because of

pre-existing conditions, and millions of young Americans will be able to stay on their parent's healthcare plans until they are 26.

The function of government is to make life better for all Americans, regardless of socioeconomic background. The Affordable Care Act will improve the quality of life for working families, children and seniors. It will also strengthen our economy.

President Obama is to be congratulated for his indispensable leadership in achieving the goal of affordable quality healthcare for all Americans, a goal we Democrats have been fighting for more than 75 years.

It is a fact of life that individuals do not have a choice in participating in the health care market. Eventually we will all get sick, and need medical attention. This bill requires every American to take control of their own coverage, and be responsible for themselves.

I am proud to have voted in favor of this legislation two years ago, and prouder still to have stood on the steps of the Supreme Court today to celebrate the success of having the Affordable Care Act upheld. Today's ruling is a momentous occasion and a true victory for Americans across the nation.

REGARDING H. RES. 711

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted against the House Privileged Resolution holding Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress. Never in the 225 years of the House has there been a vote to hold any Cabinet member in contempt, and I will never vote to support such partisan legislation that's nothing short of a race to the bottom for this House.

There are serious questions that remain to be answered about the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) program, infamously known as "Fast and Furious," started in 2005 under the Bush administration. The Department of Justice is in the midst of such an investigation, but today's vote will do nothing to further that inquiry, and will instead slow and muddle the process.

The charges by Chairman ISSA of a conspiratorial effort by the Obama administration to strengthen gun control laws—are completely unsubstantiated and laughable on their face. When that became apparent, the Chairman turned to blatant political tactics, culminating in a Contempt of Congress resolution that was rushed to the floor.

The Republicans and the National Rifle Association have created a web of constraints that make it almost impossible to restrict these dangerous practices that prompted the program in the first place.

Fast and Furious was a flawed operation. Those flaws, however, parallel the biased, politicized investigation run by House Oversight & Investigations Committee Republicans. During the Committee's 16-month investigation,

they refused all Democratic requests for witnesses and hearings. The investigation was closed to the public.

The Republican refusal to even allow those directly involved with the Fast & Furious program to testify before the Oversight Committee portrays their political motivations, not the facts, nor the thousands of innocent civilians in Mexico and on the border who have lost their lives from heavily-armed drug cartels.

Attorney General Holder testified before the Committee nine times. The Department of Justice provided over 700 thousand documents to the House Oversight & Investigations Committee. Despite this broad cooperation, my Republican colleagues kept moving the goal posts, making it impossible to meet their demands. There was no end in sight. President Obama's decision to assert executive privilege was a well-reasoned decision to stop playing the Republicans political game.

I believe deeply in the fundamental responsibility of Congress to provide oversight and accountability for the executive branch. We only weaken that authority by engaging in this partisan stunt Congress and the American people deserve better. We should reject this effort and do our job to find out what really happened.

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP ROBERT C. JEFFERSON

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a pillar in the Sunnyside community in Houston, Texas, Bishop Robert C. Jefferson, Pastor of the Cullen Missionary Baptist Church. With exceptional dedication, Bishop Jefferson served his community and advocated for the betterment of society.

Bishop Jefferson was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on January 12, 1942. He accepted his calling into the gospel ministry in March 1976 and was ordained at Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Houston under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Johnnie Jones. In March 1977, he founded Cullen Missionary Baptist Church and faithfully served there for the rest of his life.

A champion of the downtrodden and underserved, Bishop Jefferson founded and was active on a host of community organizations. He was a Founding Member of Ministers Against Crime, an organization that is active in issues involving inequities and civil rights in the Greater Houston Area. He was also the Founder of Sunnyside Up, Inc., a community development project; Founder/President of A Brand New City, Inc; Founder/President of the Cullen Christian Child Development Center; the former Second Vice President and Director of Religious Affairs of the NAACP Houston Branch; and a former member of the Houston Independent School District Board.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Bishop Jefferson will be dearly missed by his wife, Myrtle, grand-

children, great-grandchildren, as well as his four daughters, Lola, Vanessa, Lisa and Robertine. He will be remembered in the City of Houston as a dedicated community leader and a principled man of God.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SWAMY SUNKARA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Swamy Sunkara was born in India. He graduated from Andhra Medical College and King George Hospital. Named after Dr. Swamy Naidu, Dr. Sunkara was a great surgeon, philanthropist, athlete, swordsman, and horseman of national level. He is also from a family of physicians and soccer players of international reputation.

As a young student leader Dr. Sunkara volunteered in various natural disasters including one in Divi Andhra Pradesh, where he worked for several weeks directly under Mother Theresa. She always had kind words about him when she visited that area.

Dr. Sunkara served as surgeon, and then trained as an anesthesiologist in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago. He completed the post-graduate course of diploma in anesthesiology from University of West Indies. He served as a social worker at St. James Infirmary in Montego Bay, Jamaica from 1979 to 1981 and served at the Prince Elizabeth Hospital for destitute children in Port of Spain, Trinidad from 1981 to 1987. He gave free anesthesia for surgeries of children with cleft palates, club-foot, and other congenital abnormalities. Dr. Sunkara worked as a volunteer physician at Trinidad and Tobago Sports Medicine and received letters of commendation in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago for his work and dedication.

Dr. Sunkara migrated to the United States in 1988. He successfully completed the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Health, Masters in Public Health with double majors in International Health and Emergency Medicine. He served as a published researcher and volunteer in Children's Cancer Study Group at New York Medical College, and Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. He worked as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician at both the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Dr. Sunkara received the Best Volunteer award from Westchester County Executive for the year '88-89 and received Best Volunteer award from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of Newark New Jersey in 1989. Dr. Sunkara also served as one of the Uncles for foster children of Richard Allen Center on Life in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara for his extraordinary contributions to New York City's medical community.