

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF PAT
LUCE-AOELUA

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a pioneer, a leader, an advocate, and a dear friend, Pat Luce-Aoelua, who recently passed away in Los Angeles, California.

Pat was born in Fagatogo, American Samoa in 1944 to Ioane Afele Levi and Fanuaea Vaitupu Tu'ufuli Levi and was adopted by American missionaries, Maurice and Corabelle Luce, in 1946. Later, Pat and her adoptive parents immigrated to California in 1952 where Pat attended school and began her career. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University at Sacramento and her Master of Science in Counseling from the University of California at Davis.

Pat was the Executive Director of the National Office of Samoan Affairs (NOSA) that was based initially in San Francisco and later moved its headquarters to Carson, California. She, together with other Samoan community leaders in California, founded NOSA in 1976 to bridge the federal and state agencies with the local Samoan communities. Some of the community leaders included Senator and Paramount Chief Galeai Tu'ufuli, High Talking Chief Leuluso'o Leatutufu, and Matau Taele. Pat and NOSA made sure that they worked closely with the elder chiefs and local Samoan church organizations in advocating for Samoans and Pacific Islanders both on the state and federal level, in better assisting the needs of the elderly, and providing opportunities for the younger generation.

In the late 1970s, Pat was very active within the Samoan community in northern California. As she became more involved in the 1980s, Pat was instrumental in allowing American Samoans to become eligible for Federal funding and programs through the Native American programs. She also spearheaded the movement in passing state legislation in California providing for the identification and tabulation of Pacific Islanders as an ethnic group in the California state and county systems.

Pat is not only a leader amongst the Samoan community but especially within all of the Asian and Pacific American communities throughout all the U.S. In 1980, through Pat's leadership and diligence, she was able to fight for the inclusion of Pacific Islanders as an identifier in the U.S. Census, a category that remains today. Pat's philosophy was ensuring that much of the needs of the Pacific Islanders could be addressed with the use of data collected through the decennial census and other government surveys.

Although Pat has left us and began a new journey, her legacy will remain vigilant through torch bearers made up of the many new young Pacific Island leaders who have been under Pat's tutelage over the past three decades who today are working closely with their communities and advocating for those who are disenfranchised.

I want to take this time to offer my personal condolences to Pat's husband, Tuimavave Aoelua, their only daughter—Corabelle, and to their many families and friends who are

mourning the loss of one of Samoa's strongest daughters. I pray the Lord will comfort them during this tragic time.

Pat will be greatly missed. Ia manuia lau malaga.

CELEBRATING THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH'S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GLOBAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh for reaching its 100th year of service to Jewish communities around the globe. Since 1912, the Federation has been capably serving Jewish needs in the areas of healthcare, education and social welfare.

Since its inception, the Federation has never taken its finger off the pulse of the global Jewish community. Its efforts have always kept pace with the dynamic challenges facing Jews living in Pittsburgh, Israel and elsewhere throughout the world. The Federation serves as the central Jewish fundraising organization for Greater Pittsburgh, and has undertaken a number of initiatives to build solidarity and promote prosperity within western Pennsylvania's Jewish community.

In 1984, the Federation conducted a Comprehensive Jewish Community Study to highlight the needs of Greater Pittsburgh's Jewish population. The results led to the creation of a Jewish Community Center in Pittsburgh's South Hills and Jewish Residential Services for special needs individuals of the Jewish faith. After conducting a similar demographic study in 2002, the Federation established new outreach programs and created the Centennial Fund for a Jewish Future through the Jewish Community Foundation.

The Federation has also done a significant amount of philanthropic work abroad. Federation leaders have done a great deal to promote the Buncher Community Leadership Program, which trains Jewish professionals from vulnerable Jewish communities throughout the world. They have also played an active role in programs such as Spectrum and Passover in the FSU, which focus on rebuilding Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union. Furthermore, the Federation was on the front lines of the humanitarian responses to Hurricane Katrina, the 2004 tsunami in Asia and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

In Israel, the Federation has actively helped to respond to terror attacks and promote economic development in recent years by raising more than \$5.5 through its Israel Emergency campaign and by sponsoring numerous educational and solidarity programs. Historically, the Federation has also helped to raise money for Israel during times of conflict. Currently, the Foundation is working to advance the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership Together Program, which is focused on strengthening relationships between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora, and on promoting economic development within Israel's Karmeil and Misgav region.

Mr. Speaker, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's long history of promoting

solidarity and prosperity within Jewish communities throughout the world is a testament to its abiding commitment to philanthropy. I offer this great organization my most heartfelt congratulations on 100 years of fruitful community service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 386. I was absent due to personal reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF PAUL HAMANN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today the White House honors leaders who had made a significant difference in the way their communities combat homelessness among children and youth. I am so proud that one of the 13 "Champions of Change" is my constituent, Paul Hamann, President and C.E.O. of the Night Ministry.

In the wealthiest nation on earth, any amount of homelessness is unacceptable, yet nearly one million Americans currently do not have a roof over their head. They include men, women and children. This Congress must do more to eradicate homelessness, and we should support people like Paul and organizations like the Night Ministry that are working to provide help and hope to the homeless.

The Night Ministry is Chicago's safety net of last-resort social services, health care, housing and outreach for homeless youth and adults and those who are isolated from the community. I have had the pleasure to witness and take part in the great work the Night Ministry does at their Health Outreach Bus and their Youth Outreach Van in the Uptown and Lakeview neighborhoods in Chicago.

Paul has dedicated his life to helping those in need through his work for non-profit organizations. He has been with the Night Ministry for 10 years and has led the organization since 2007. Under Paul's direction, the Night Ministry has broadened its impact on the Chicago community through health outreach, short-term housing assistance, support and instruction for pregnant teens, and transitional housing. His tireless work has made a difference for thousands of Chicagoans who would otherwise go without healthcare, housing, or food.

I thank Paul Hamann for his outstanding leadership of the Night Ministry and I wish him many years of continued success. He is a true Champion of Change.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on July 9 and July 10, 2012, I was in California attending to family obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 452, I would have voted "yea."

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On rollcall vote No. 456, I would have voted "nay" on the previous question, so that instead of voting on the Patients' Rights Repeal Act, the House could instead vote on H.R. 5542, a bill that focuses on jobs and working families.

On rollcall vote No. 457, I would have voted "nay" on the rule that will govern the 31st attempt this Congress to take away healthcare benefits and patient protections from millions of Americans.

On rollcall vote No. 458, I would have voted "nay."

 TRIBUTE TO RICE UNIVERSITY'S
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rice University for celebrating 100 years of achievement in private higher education.

Since its foundation, Rice University has left its mark on the advancement of arts and sciences as one of America's premier schools. They have consistently been at the forefront in many areas of medical research, and played a key role in the academic and physical foundation of the Johnson Space Center, turning the dream of manned space flight into a reality.

Be it through elite research or first-rate student education, the contributions of Rice University have undoubtedly reverberated through the many areas of scientific advancement throughout the past 100 years. It is an honor to represent this university in our great State of Texas, and it is an honor to have them represent our state to the country and the world.

 CONGRATULATING THE LOS ANGELES
KINGS ON THEIR STANLEY
CUP VICTORY
HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an historic occasion in the history of Los Angeles sports teams. On June 11 the Los Angeles Kings of the National

Hockey League won their first national championship. Today the Stanley Cup calls LA "home", and the nation joins us in calling the Kings, "champions".

The Kings' championship was 45 years in the making. They began the playoffs as the number eight seed. They quickly dispatched the Vancouver Canucks, the number one seed team, four games to one. Next they took on the Saint Louis Blues and swept this number two seed team in four games. They then took on the third seed team the Phoenix Coyotes and earned the title of Western Conference champions for only the second time in Kings' history. This was the first time in NHL history that an eighth seed team beat the first and second seed teams. But our champion Kings went even further by also beating the third seed team as well.

The championship series against the New Jersey Devils was a thriller and the Kings quickly took a commanding three game lead. After a couple of Devil victories, in game six of the series, the Kings regained their momentum and put New Jersey away with a 6-1 victory to clinch the Stanley Cup.

The Kings are only the second number eight seed team in NHL history to advance to the championship series and the first number eight seed team to win the Stanley Cup. Their game six victory on their home ice at the Staples Center was cause for celebration by thousands of Kings fans in Los Angeles and throughout Southern California.

In winning the NHL championship, the Kings join the prestigious ranks of Los Angeles sports teams who have brought championship titles to the City of the Angels, including the Lakers, the Dodgers, the Galaxy, UCLA Bruin and USC Trojan teams, the Strings of the World Team Tennis League, and yes, the former-Los Angeles Raiders.

Congratulations to the Kings team: Jeff Carter, Kyle Clifford, Colin Fraser, Simon Gagne, Dwight King, Anze Kopitar, Trevor Lewis, Andrei Loktionov, Jordan Nolan, Scott Parse, Dustin Penner, Mike Richards, Brad Richardson, Jarret Stoll, Kevin Westgarth, Justin Williams, Drew Doughty, Davis Drewiske, Matt Greene, Alec Martinez, Willie Mitchell, Rob Scuderi, Slava Voynov, Jonathan Bernier and Jonathan Quick.

Special congratulations to Coach Darryl Sutter, General Manager Dean Lombardi and team captain Dustin Brown for leading the team to victory, and to AEG and the entire staff of the Kings organization whose work supports, trains and promotes the team. Thank you all for giving the city of Los Angeles our first Stanley Cup win!

Mr. Speaker, the Los Angeles Kings are the kings of hockey! Let's all celebrate their historic victory!

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,876,457,645,132.66. We've added \$5,249,580,596,219.58 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

Today marks the 150th anniversary of the authorization of the Medal of Honor by Congress. We must balance the budget so that we may continue to honor properly those who have served this country valiantly.

 HONORING ZACH HUDSON, A TRUE
COMMUNITY HERO
HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Officer Zach Hudson of the Lake Mary, Florida Police Department.

Officer Hudson has dutifully served the citizens of Florida for ten years and the Lake Mary community since 2007 as their Community Relations Officer. His dedication to public safety serves as an example to his fellow officers and neighbors.

Shortly after joining the Lake Mary force, Officer Hudson was dispatched to a residence that housed two elderly ladies. Upon arriving, he realized the home contained no food and had no electricity. The little money they did have, they told Hudson, was alternated each month between food and medicines. He had seen instances such as these on his beat in the past, but he decided, in his own words, that "I'd had enough and I realized something had to be done."

Soon after, Hudson started the Seniors Intervention Group in Lake Mary. With the help of Hudson and hundreds of volunteers, this program provides seniors with essential assistance such as food, money, transportation, vehicle maintenance and help around the house. From helping change doorway illuminating light bulbs to fixing leaky sinks, tasks we can perform easily, no job is considered too small when the safety and well-being of our seniors is concerned.

In early 2010, Hudson's vision had become so popular, it became a non-profit and expanded to all of Seminole County and continues to this day as a crucial resource for hundreds of elderly seniors in Central Florida.

Officer Hudson's contribution is not merely recognized within his community, but the nation as well. Earlier this month, CNN recognized his good work by naming him one of their CNN Heroes of 2012.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Officer Zach Hudson's service to his community, I have asked the Architect of the Capitol to fly an American Flag over the U.S. Capitol Building.

Officer Hudson represents the very finest of our nation's law enforcement. I am honored