

graduate training and professional apprenticeships. Leadership Alliance faculty mentors provide high quality, cutting-edge research experiences in all academic disciplines at the nation's most competitive graduate training institutions and share insights into the nature of academic careers.

Chaminade University, located in Honolulu, Oahu, has been a member institution of the Leadership Alliance since 2007. In the past five years, 16 students have participated in the Summer Research Early Identification Program—performing research at Brown, Harvard, Tufts, Yale, and other universities.

Nearly 70 percent of Leadership Alliance early identification students enroll into a graduate level program and, of that 70 percent, 25 percent enroll into PhD programs. Chaminade students have had transformative summer research experiences, encouraging their pursuit of graduate degrees, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

One Chaminade student, Natasha Flores, was able to do research at Yale University. Since graduating, she has conducted cancer research at the National Cancer Institute and has just completed her second year in a Cancer Biology Ph.D. Program at Stanford University. Joseph Tillotson, a 2011 Chaminade graduate, completed two summers of research through the Leadership Alliance and will be beginning Ph.D. studies in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Arizona this fall.

Leadership Alliance Doctoral Scholars are diversifying the academy at research-intensive institutions and are engaging in career positions in government and industry.

Congratulations to the Leadership Alliance on two decades of committed service to supporting a diverse and competitive research and scholarly workforce in the United States.

HONORING MRS. GLORIA
LANGSTON OF ROCHESTER, NEW
YORK

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent in my district who, along with her late husband and family, has made a positive impact in the Rochester, New York area. I am profoundly appreciative of this monumental opportunity to pay homage to Mrs. Gloria Langston.

In July 1960, Mrs. Langston, along with her now-deceased husband, Andrew, relocated from the State of Georgia to Rochester, New York. From the time Gloria and Andrew Langston arrived in Rochester until today, the Langston family has made positive and substantial contributions to the Rochester area.

Among their many extraordinary contributions, perhaps one of their most transformational is the establishment of the Monroe County Broadcasting Company and the subsequent birth of WDKX-FM radio station. WDKX is named in honor of Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, and the Monroe County Broadcasting Company was the first ever African American corporation to apply for a frequency with the Federal Communications Commission.

WDKX-FM began its service to the Rochester community on April 6, 1974, and today—38 years later—the station continues its service to our community, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. It is the only independently owned and operated commercial radio station in Rochester, New York.

Gloria Langston has an unwavering commitment to uplifting and enhancing the Rochester community, and she exudes a deep sense of community awareness and pride. These admirable characteristics are reflected in the management and staff of WDKX-FM radio. The station is far more than a source of entertainment. It is an invaluable community partner; one that promotes philanthropy for good causes, provides information to enhance health and wellness and provides platforms and opportunities for Rochester area residents to learn about important community activities and initiatives that improve our quality of life.

Because of the countless contributions Mrs. Gloria Langston has brought to Rochester, it is my great pleasure to salute her today. It can be truthfully said that Rochester, New York is a better place because Gloria Langston has walked among us.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF IBEW
LOCAL 110

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 110 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and the hundreds of working families the union represents.

IBEW Local 110 has earned an honored place in the Minnesota labor tradition. From the earliest days of the union, even before its formal charter on July 29, 1912, Minnesota electrical workers began banding together to form an organization that would help protect workers and their families. These efforts provided a voice for workers and began the roots of a new local union.

Membership in the new Local 110 proved valuable for workers and their families. The union set a standard for all workers in our state and provided much needed resources for safety, skills training, fair wages and retirement security. This support became even stronger through Local 110's decision to affiliate with the allied unions of the Saint Paul Building Trades Council.

Times were at once exciting and challenging for early Minnesota electrical workers. From 1910 to 1913, sixty of their fellow brothers died due to illness and accidents caused by frequently dangerous work environments. In order to combat the alarmingly high number of deaths within the industry, Local 110 began its first apprenticeship program to educate its members, and made sure that they were properly protected in the field. During June of 1913, the first test for those members that worked with electricity was held, and all members were required to take the examination. Through the efforts of the local union, every member passed the test.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 110 has always made sure their

members were given the highest standard of care and consideration. Today, this band of brothers now includes sisters too. Local 110 has grown to represent 2100 members in 13 counties of Minnesota. The union remains focused on creating positive relationships between workers and their employees as well as elevating the standards within the industry.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this extension of remarks to honor the members and families of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 110 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of this proud union.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. PETERS. On Monday, July 23, 2012 I unfortunately missed two votes due to a delay in my flight to Washington, DC. Had I been present I would have opposed both bills.

H.R. 2362, the Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act of 2011 benefits one particular country, and is redundant to H.R. 205 the HEARTH Act which has passed both the House and Senate and is waiting to be signed by the President. S. 2039 would undermine an important policy in place to protect federal taxpayer dollars and prevent wasteful spending. While I was not able to cast my vote against these bills, had I been present I would have voted "no." I was happy to see that both were defeated.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GIVE
WORKPLACE GENDER VIOLENCE
VICTIMS THEIR DAY IN COURT
ACT OF 2012

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, when at work, most employees feel safe from violent behavior; however, violence in the workplace is not uncommon. The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates that in 2008, 12,633 rapes and sexual assaults occurred while U.S. employees were working or on duty. When sexual violence happens at the workplace, women are often traumatized again when learning that the remedy is workers compensation. This downgrades the crime to an 'on-the-job occurrence' and prevents victims from suing employers when the crime occurred due to lack of safeguards and protections by employers.

Workers compensation systems were designed to create accident-free workplaces and allow employees hurt on the job to receive payment for medical expenses and lost wages. Using workers compensation as a way for employers to avoid lawsuits stemming from their own negligence is offensive to victims of this terrible crime. When sexual violence occurs on the job, employers should not be allowed to hide behind a system intended to compensate for job-related accidents. This is why I am reintroducing the Give Workplace

Gender Violence Victims Their Day in Court Act, which will prevent employers from invoking workers compensation when employer negligence results in the sexual assault and rape of an employee. This bill will help empower victims of workplace sexual assault to have their day in court instead of being subject to the exclusive remedy of workers compensation.

Rape is not an accident and should never be regarded as an everyday, regular occurrence on the job. This legislation will enable victims and encourage employers to create a work environment free of sexual violence and send the message, loud and clear, that rape is not all in a day's work.

FEDERAL RESERVE
TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I believe that transparency in the activities of government is extremely important and that we should endeavor to let in more sunlight, not less. Therefore, I am proud to support H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act.

The financial crisis of 2007–2008 cost nearly \$6.5 trillion in household wealth. That's home equity and savings for retirement and college that millions of people will likely never get back. Between December 2007 and early 2010 8.7 million jobs were lost—including a record-breaking 779,000 in January of 2009 alone.

I raise these frightening numbers to illustrate a point—the impact of the financial crisis was disastrous, widespread, and occurred very quickly.

As a result, unprecedented steps were taken to halt the disastrous decline in our economy. These included the Federal Reserve (the Fed) stretching its emergency lending authority farther than it ever had to before. This, along with the legislative actions of Congress and the efforts of the Bush and Obama Administrations, helped to prevent the “Great Recession” from instead becoming “The Great Depression Redux.”

The Obama Administration and Congress have worked to rebuild our economy. Over 4.4 million jobs have been created over the past 28 consecutive months. The American automobile industry has been saved and is prospering. Communities across the nation benefitted from investments in transportation, energy, and other vital areas from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Fed has also contributed to this effort by keeping interest rates low and other measures.

But progress has not been fast enough. We are all frustrated by the current state of affairs. We are also rightly frustrated at the conduct of banks and bankers—private sector bankers and central bankers alike.

I recognize that the actions of the Fed are subject to Congressional oversight and audits by the Government Accountability Office. I was proud to support the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which included needed reforms of the Fed's emergency lending authority, and required that the Government Accountability Office conduct an audit of the Fed's emergency lending programs.

These are much needed steps. While I don't share the view that we should abolish the Fed, or that the Fed's activities are necessarily malicious, I do believe that the American people have a right to know how decisions about interest rates and other policies that impact their day-to-day lives are made.

The recent revelations that major international banks colluded to set the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR), which is an influential global interest rate, indicate that it is in the public interest to more closely scrutinize the activities of both financial market players as well as those that are supposed to be the unbiased referees like the Fed.

Today's bill is a positive step toward doing that and I am proud to support H.R. 459.