

wish to commend the Thunder Bay Community Health Service (TBCHS) for 30 years of dedicated service to comprehensive and preventative health care.

Over the past three decades, TBCHS has been committed to the vital work of bringing high quality, cost effective, and accessible health care to Northern Michigan. Working out of five centers in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula, TBCHS ensures that residents of Northern Michigan receive first rate medical care. It is fitting that TBCHS celebrates this important milestone during National Health Center Week. Community health centers, like TBCHS, are at the core of our health care system.

Since seeing their first patient in 1982, the dedicated providers and administrators of TBCHS have continually adapted their care to meet the changing needs of Northern Michigan families. By providing preventive services and comprehensive primary health care, TBCHS keeps our families healthy while also preventing costlier health care alternatives such as emergency room treatment.

The doctors, nurses, and other providers of TBCHS cannot do this alone, but are supported by dedicated staff and board members. The TBCHS team has been a trusted community partner, from providing nursing services in local schools to conducting senior companion programs.

As a doctor who has treated patients for nearly 30 years and as a life-long resident of Northern Michigan, I greatly appreciate the commitment of TBCHS to empower healthier communities by making quality health care more affordable for Northern Michigan families.

On behalf of the over 13,000 patients who receive its care each year, I wish to thank Thunder Bay Community Health Service for 30 years of commitment and care. I know these successes will continue for the next 30 years and beyond.

HONORING JEANNE J. GRIMMETT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this occasion to recognize the outstanding achievements of Jeanne J. Grimmer, a career legislative attorney with the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, who will be retiring from CRS on August 31, after 41 years of distinguished government service. Jeanne, for decades, has been the leading legal expert on trade law at CRS, and she has made invaluable contributions to the work of the U.S. Congress in this critical policy area.

After receiving a B.A. from the College of New Rochelle in New York, Jeanne began her government service at the Library of Congress in 1971. She obtained a J.D. from George Washington University in 1978, and joined CRS that same year. She chose to specialize in trade law and related subjects soon thereafter and received an L.L.M. from the London School of Economics in 1986.

During her career, Jeanne has prepared numerous memoranda, reports, and provided briefings for Members and Congressional

committees, working collaboratively with colleagues in other divisions of CRS, while contributing legal analysis for the Congress during the key trade debates that were held over the years. Jeanne was also a section head in the Courts Section of the American Law Division for several years, coordinating requests and reviewing work related to the Iran-Contra investigation and various judicial nominations.

As a legislative attorney, Jeanne provided direct support to Members, Senators, and major Congressional committees on the complex legal issues related to U.S. participation in the NAFTA, the World Trade Organization, and various U.S. free trade agreements, most recently the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. The depth and breadth of her expertise is demonstrated by noting the subjects she has addressed for the Congress during her tenure at CRS: trade with nonmarket economies; dispute settlement under trade agreements; trade and environmental issues, including climate change; antidumping and countervailing duty law and other trade remedies; customs and country-of-origin legislation; Federal and State economic sanctions; trade sanctions reform; foreign assistance and foreign public debt authorities; export controls administered by various U.S. agencies; trade in encryption technology; the scope of U.S. extraterritorial jurisdiction and, in particular, jurisdiction over foreign defendants; investment treaties and investor-State dispute settlement; and the U.S. law of international agreements in general.

Jeanne also contributed to the House Ways and Means Committee "Blue Book" of trade laws, as well as to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee print, *Treaties and Other International Agreements: The Role of the United States Senate*, the primary reference source on this subject. She has also mentored new attorneys in trade law and given numerous presentations on trade law subjects in the American Law Division's semi-annual Federal Law Update series for Members of Congress and their legal staff.

Jeanne Grimmer has provided exemplary service to the Congress throughout her distinguished career at CRS. I believe that all in the Congress who have benefitted from her expertise and counsel join me in wishing her the very best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROB RIGSBY

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Rob Rigsby as he retires from the United States General Services Administration and his post at the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse. As his wife Marilyn, his friends and colleagues all gather to celebrate his outstanding career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Rob and his almost four decades of public service.

Throughout his 37-year career in federal service, the last 13 years at the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse, Rob has become a well-loved and respected leader among his colleagues and building occupants. Rob began his post as Building Manager the day the building opened in 1999. Since then,

he has been a loyal and hard working member of the building team and has devoted his time to making Sacramento's federal courthouse the remarkable building that it is today.

My late husband, Congressman Robert Matsui, and I have had our district offices in the courthouse that Rob manages. I have got to know him over the years and always appreciated his attention to detail and customer service. Rob is no stranger to my district staff, who I know share my appreciation for his work. We will always be thankful for all that he has done to make both the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse and my district office an inviting place for all of my constituents.

Beyond his work, Rob has always had a passion for travel and upon his retirement, he will be leaving us to embark on a new journey as the owner of Ships and Trips Travel. I also understand that he will be taking a much deserved cruise.

Mr. Speaker, as Rob Rigsby prepares to retire from federal service, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him good fortune in his future endeavors. Rob has truly been a wonderful member of the federal family and will be missed by all of his friends and colleagues. I wish him well on the next chapter of his life.

HONORING FRANK C. FRANCO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the service of Mr. Frank Franco or as we affectionately call him, "Franco". Frank Franco's many years of dedicated service to the community and our nation's veterans exemplifies his reverence for our country and truly demonstrates the best of what America has to offer.

Frank Franco was born in El Centro, California. He joined the United States Army at age 17 and honorably served his country with two tours of service in Vietnam.

A tireless advocate for helping people, Franco has been with Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, EOC, for over 30 years. He is a hard worker and has held many leadership positions in the community. Franco is a past director of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, is on the Mayor's Advisory Committee and is a past recipient of the Key to the City of Fresno.

Each year, Franco travels to our nation's capital with the Fresno Council of Governments One Voice-DC trip. Franco has over 50 proclamations and awards he has received throughout the years. In addition to his civic leadership, Franco is also a proud member of Veterans of Foreign War, VFW, Post 8900 in Fresno. He serves on my Veteran Leaders Advisory Group and participates in numerous local veterans' events, such as the Veterans Stand Down. Franco is always helping, always working.

I applaud Frank Franco for his many years of tireless work on behalf of the community, on behalf of veterans and their families and the Central Valley. We know Franco will enjoy more time with his wife, Maria, his children, Jack Arthur, Madelene, and Tina, and his grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that in addition to his countless gifts to the community,

Franco is my good friend and he is a true champion of the people. He has always been available to discuss issues and work together to make our Central Valley a better place to live and work. I extend to him my very best wishes and ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the commitment, dedication, and success of Frank C. Franco.

#### RECOGNIZING RYAN HARDY

#### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize one of Central Ohio's very own hometown heroes, cancer survivor, Ryan Hardy.

Ryan's long, difficult journey finally came to an end when he joyously rang the bell to signify his final chemotherapy treatment last month at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the young age of two and was later diagnosed with leukemia when he was only eight years old.

Ryan was extremely courageous, enduring treatments for almost 10 years with the love and support of family, friends, and the hospital's staff. Ryan and the people around him never gave up hope. He tried to live life as normally as possible by taking part in activities like playing on the youth football team.

Ryan's story reminds us that we shouldn't take life for granted. With faith, hope and endurance we can overcome many obstacles in life. I am proud to represent heroes like Ryan Hardy in Ohio's 15th Congressional District. I commend him for his courage and am happy to hear that he was able to finally ring the bell.

#### HONORING ARMY STAFF SERGEANT MATTHEW J. WEST AND MARINE SERGEANT DAVID P. DAY

#### HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, July 29, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., the citizens of Gaylord, Michigan, gathered to rededicate their Fallen Heroes Memorial and pay tribute to the lives of two service members who lost their lives in service to their country during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Matthew J. West grew up in Gaylord, Michigan, and graduated from Gaylord High School in 1992. He returned to Gaylord after graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1997, and enlisted in the Army in June of 2004.

SSG West completed three tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and was highly decorated. His honors included the Bronze Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on

Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge and the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

SSG West died on August 30, 2010, in the Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan. SSG West was killed by an improvised explosive device, along with four other soldiers from his unit. He served with the 71st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group, tasked with locating and eliminating bomb threats.

SSG West was laid to rest, with full military honors, in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, their three young children, sons Tyler and Joseph, and daughter Annaliese, as well as a large extended family.

Marine Staff Sergeant (SSgt) David P. Day was born in Englewood, Colorado, on November 13, 1984, and grew up in Gaylord, Michigan. A 2003 graduate of Gaylord High School, he excelled in hockey and served as co-captain for the Otsego County Recreational Hockey Team. SSgt Day married Nicole Makins on October 6, 2009. SSgt Day enlisted in the Marine Corps immediately following high school and was a seven-year veteran, serving two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician for the elite Marine Force Recon. SSgt Day died on April 24, 2011, while conducting combat operations in Badghis Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, NC.

SSgt David P. Day's Awards and Decorations include the Bronze Star and Combat "V" for Valor (posthumously), Purple Heart Medal (posthumously), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with the V device, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the NATO Service Medal, Parachutist (Jump) Wings, Expert Marksmanship Badge and EOD Badge.

SSgt Day is survived by his wife, Nicole, his parents Don and Kathy; sister, Samantha Day; grandparents, Janice and Pirie Benson of Gaylord and Grace Day of Missouri; mother and father-in-law, Robert and Patricia Makins; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

These men were combat hardened, professional soldiers. They willingly enlisted in the United States Armed Forces in order to defend their country. They both became experts in explosive ordnance disposal despite the elevated risks associated with the job. SSG West and SSgt Day made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and have earned the lasting gratitude of this community and of our nation.

"He which hath no stomach to this fight let him depart. But we in it shall be remembered. We few, we happy few, we band of brothers!! For he today, that sheds his blood with me, shall always be my brother."—William Shakespeare

#### HONORING MAJOR KHIEEM JACKSON

#### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Major Khieem Jackson, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his transfer from the Marine Corps Liaison office. I and many of my colleagues have had the pleasure of working closely with him over the past three years, as he has served as part of the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs and as the Deputy Director of the Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has done exemplary work in this capacity, working tirelessly in behalf of not just his fellow Marines, but also the Members and staff of this Chamber, and the American people.

Many Americans may not be aware of the tremendously important role of the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs. By acting as a conduit between the Marine Corps and the Congress, this hard-working team provides a vital link between our military leaders and the American people's elected representatives. Major Jackson stepped into this role with extraordinary dedication and enthusiasm. He was able to develop and execute legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the Nation's most elite fighting force and ensuring its success on the battlefield. His candor and expertise were essential in developing close working relationships with many Members of the House of Representatives and Committee Staffs—a cornerstone of Commandant of the Marine Corps' strategic vision and a vital aspect of civil-military relations.

Throughout his tour, Major Jackson personally supervised the response to hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national-level attention. Through his exceptional inter-personal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs, he assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust on critical issues.

Major Jackson also successfully planned, coordinated, and escorted an extensive number of international and domestic missions for Congressional and Staff Delegations. I had the pleasure of leading many such CODELs that Major Jackson helped to organize, under the auspices of the House Democracy Partnership. His impressive attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed our delegations to focus exclusively on our mission to promote the building of sound democratic institutions around the world. Major Jackson was an invaluable member of our team, and we remain deeply grateful for his tremendous work.

Through his exceptional personal efforts, Major Jackson has contributed immeasurably in the Marine Liaison Office here on Capitol Hill. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors, and look forward to hearing of his many successes to come.