

be kept away from his passion for long, and returned to coach at Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School in 2000. Marvin Neals has already recorded three Class 3 championships with Cardinal Ritter.

On January 25, 2012, Marvin Neals reached a coaching milestone winning his 600th game. Marvin Neals was praised by his current and former players after the momentous win. The players spoke of his great influence and impact he has had on their lives. Marvin Neals wants to keep coaching the game he loves as long as possible, with no thoughts of slowing down in the future.

Mr. Speaker, Marvin Neals has dedicated his life to bettering the lives of the young men and women of St. Louis. His commitment can be recognized by the admiration of his colleagues, present and former players and students, and the remarkable feat of 600 career wins. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his remarkable service to the United States, the State of Missouri, and the St. Louis community.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,351,406,294,640.49. We've added \$10,550,001,119,346.21 to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELDERLY

##### HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2012*

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly (GRAPE).

GRAPE works to provide networking, education, and advocacy on behalf of the elderly population and has been very successful. Today, GRAPE has 300 members from over 200 agencies and organizations throughout the greater Rochester area.

GRAPE is a non-profit organization that consists of professionals, students, and volunteers; citizens who are dedicated to caring for our elderly population. The group has not only personally assisted those in need, but has also produced a landmark health care publication: the Professionals Guide to Elder Services. This guide is the most current, accurate, and up-to-date listing of elder services in the greater Rochester area and has been of great assistance to healthcare professionals throughout upstate New York.

I thank everyone involved with the Greater Rochester Area Partnership of the Elderly for their committed service to the elderly community. GRAPE's success is due to their efforts and I applaud their dedication.

#### REINTRODUCTION OF THE NORTH MAUI COASTAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012

##### HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2012*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the North Maui Coastal Preservation Act of 2012, a bill directing the National Park Service to study the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands along the northern coast of Maui, between Sprecklesville and Paia, as a unit of the National Park System. I have previously introduced this bill in the 110th and 111th Congresses.

The citizens of Maui strongly support preservation of this coast, which provides important open space and public beach areas.

The beautiful coastline of North Maui is under significant development pressure. Its closeness to major population centers in Maui and its popularity with both visitors and residents makes protecting access a major priority.

Supporters of this park have asked that it be named after Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink, a native of Maui who grew up in the Hamakua Poko/Paia area. While this bill, which authorizes a study, does not direct what the prospective national park would be named, I would certainly support naming it after Patsy Mink, whose commitment to the people of the island and state was without question.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING GREG STRADER FOR RECEIVING THE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE AWARD

##### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I rise today to recognize Greg Strader, founder of Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE).

We have been reminded frequently that the threat of natural disasters is always imminent, and vigilance is crucial. Greg Strader has devoted his career to natural disaster emergency preparedness. In serving with the American Red Cross for more than 32 years, he has responded to natural disasters in various capacities; whether it is hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires, or plane crashes, Mr. Strader has always been willing to give of himself to assist others.

Following the devastation to the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis, Mr. Strader saw a need for improved disaster response. His experience led him to found BRACE, whose mission is to minimize loss of life, injury, property damage, environmental impact, and economic damage caused by nat-

ural disasters. BRACE's response to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill cleanup is an excellent example of the organization's invaluable contribution. In less than 36 hours, Mr. Strader assembled more than 1,900 volunteers who contributed over ten thousand volunteer hours in efforts to minimize the disaster's adverse impact.

I commend Greg Strader and BRACE for their efforts in making the northwest Florida community safer, stronger, and better prepared to expeditiously address the devastation of natural disasters and congratulate them on receiving the Presidential "Champions of Change Award." My wife Vicki and I wish Mr. Strader, the staff of BRACE, and their families all the best for continued success.

#### CONGRATULATING DR. MILDRED GARCIA ON HER RECENT APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

##### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 3, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Mildred Garcia, President of California State University, Dominguez Hills, who was recently named the new president of California State University, Fullerton by the California State University Board of Trustees.

California State University, Dominguez Hills—located in my congressional district—has benefitted greatly from Dr. Garcia's leadership. Dr. Garcia is the first Latina to ever hold the title of president at a university in the CSU system, and her track record of success at CSU Dominguez Hills offers a shining example to university presidents across the nation. Her hard work and commitment to public education has helped to raise the status of the university in our community and across the state of California.

Dr. Garcia, the daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants, grew up of humble means in Brooklyn, New York. The second youngest of seven children, Dr. Garcia worked as a secretary to put herself through college and understood that the key to opportunity and success is a good education. After receiving two masters degrees from NYU and Columbia, Dr. Garcia went on to obtain her Ed.D. from Columbia University, Teachers College.

Before coming to CSU Dominguez Hills, Dr. Garcia taught at Arizona State University and spent ten years as the president of Berkeley College in New York. Over the past four and a half years, Dr. Garcia has worked diligently to elevate the status of CSU Dominguez Hills. When she began her tenure at Dominguez Hills, the university was struggling to meet enrollment targets and had an incoming freshman class with an average high school GPA below 3.0.

Dr. Garcia has been able to raise enrollment levels to a record high of 15,000 students. In 2010–11 CSU Dominguez Hills received 27,036 student applications, an increase of 62 percent compared to 2006–07. CSU Dominguez Hills is also enjoying higher retention and graduation rates, and is becoming a more popular option for students just graduating from high school. Dr. Garcia has also

been successful at increasing alumni donor participation by 400 percent, and securing the university's first-ever endowed professorship.

During Dr. Garcia's tenure as President of CSU Dominguez Hills, her leadership and commitment helped to make the university a hub for higher education in the South Bay and greater Los Angeles. In 2008 CSU Dominguez Hills was awarded the highest possible evaluation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges, receiving a rare 10-year re-accreditation.

Upon Dr. Garcia's arrival, CSU Dominguez Hills faced a \$2.8 million structural deficit, with the state appropriation of \$71,489,966. Under her leadership, the university successfully eliminated its structural deficit in spite of the continued decrease in state appropriation, which today is \$59,766,882 (a 16 percent decrease).

Under Dr. Garcia's leadership, CSU Dominguez Hills has won federal grants to help expand online education access to students, improve the quality of teaching in high-need schools by creating model teacher preparation and teaching residency programs, and provide students the support they need to complete their studies and graduate. All of these initiatives have helped to make CSU Dominguez Hills graduates active players in our economic recovery by improving community spirit, inspiring local business growth and lowering the local unemployment rate.

Last summer, Dr. Garcia was chosen by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. As a member of this commission, Dr. Garcia has been tasked with advising the President and Education Secretary Duncan on ways to improve the success rates of Hispanic students across the country.

At the conclusion of this academic year, Dr. Garcia will take her talent for leadership to California State University, Fullerton, one of California's largest universities. Although CSU Dominguez Hills is sad to see Dr. Garcia leave its campus, the legacy of her work and her impact on the community will continue to have an influence the university for years to come.

I am proud to have worked closely with Dr. Garcia to help make CSU Dominguez Hills a model urban public university, and I am sure she will bring the same enthusiasm for success to CSU Fullerton. Although she will no longer be working in my district, I am positive that Dr. Garcia and I will continue our work together to ensure that every student in California has access to a quality and affordable college education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Mildred Garcia for her appointment to become the next president of CSU Fullerton.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BACHMAN

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of WHO-TV news anchor John Bachman, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment in his years of service to the people of Iowa.

John traveled a long and winding road before becoming a nightly guest in thousands of homes across Iowa. He was born in Texas, raised in New York, attended college in Minnesota, and worked in Chicago and Cedar Rapids before appearing on Des Moines WHO-TV's airwaves in 1987. John aspired to be an anchor in a place where he could raise his family and be a part of welcoming community, and it seems John and I agree that there is no better place than the state of Iowa.

For the last 25 years, Iowans have heard some of the biggest news stories through Mr. Bachman. From the Persian Gulf War, to the attacks of September 11, 2001, to the recent 2012 Iowa Caucuses, John has narrated and helped us come to grips with events in our rapidly changing world.

Throughout his memorable career, John has never wavered in his commitment to the truth and journalistic integrity, and in doing so, has rightfully earned his viewers' trust. While John's evening broadcasts are sure to be missed across the state, his commitment to Iowa and its people continues as strong as ever. I wish John and his wife Barb a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thank you.

#### RECOGNIZING WOODLAND CEMETERY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the historic Woodland Cemetery located in our nation's capital, one of the only remaining 19th century African American burial sites.

Woodland Cemetery was established as the successor to Graceland Cemetery, which decided to relocate due to the imminent expansion of the District of Columbia. Woodland cemetery initially interred the more than 6,000 African Americans who were buried at Graceland, but as time went on, the location became more desirable for prominent figures in the D.C. African American community. The cemetery is the final resting place for such notable individuals as, Blanche K. Bruce, the first African American U.S. Senator; Mercer Langston, the first African American President of Virginia State University and the first dean of Howard University Law School and also the first African American Member of Congress from the state of Virginia; and John Willis Menard, the first African American elected to Congress. There are also many other distinguished people, who made our country what it is today, buried on this hallowed site.

Woodland Cemetery remained a highly desired location for African Americans to be interred until the 1970s. In the early 1990s Woodland earned the distinct honor of being placed on both the District of Columbia's Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the daily operations of the cemetery are entrusted to the Woodlawn Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, which is comprised of mostly volunteers who have loved ones buried there. The main focus of the association is to preserve the cemetery and to raise funds to renovate and restore prominence to this sacred site.

I ask the House to join me as we recognize the historic value of this hallowed place not only in the month of February but year round.

#### NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, January marked National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

As a former judge and prosecutor in Texas and as co-chair of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus this issue is significant to me.

Many believe that slavery is an issue of the past, but sadly it is not.

Throughout the world humans are forced into human trafficking, modern-day slavery, whether this is sex trafficking, labor trafficking, domestic servitude or some other form of slavery.

This is not just a problem other countries face, but one that is alive in the United States. Houston, Texas, my hometown, is a hub for this awful crime.

Fortunately, Houston and the state of Texas have taken the bull by the horns and are working hard to prosecute traffickers and protect victims.

On the federal level, I am working with Members on both sides of the aisle to ensure traffickers are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and victims are treated as victims and given the support they need.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING SGT. DANIEL E. SEWELL

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sgt. Daniel E. Sewell, who recently was awarded the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in appreciation for his great efforts in support of this nation's veterans. The Outstanding Public Service Award is the second highest honor given by the Chairman to a public servant who "has rendered service or assistance to considerable personal sacrifice, motivated by patriotism, good citizenship and a sense of public responsibility."

Sgt. Sewell enlisted in the United States Air Force on January 23, 2003, and was assigned to Spangdahlem Airbase, Germany, as a Munitions Systems Inspector. During his service, he was deployed to Afghanistan with the 52nd Fighter Wing in support of the unit's A-10, which assisted in the first elections held in Afghanistan. He completed his military service in August of 2007 with the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Currently, Mr. Sewell is a Staff Sergeant with the Missouri Air National Guard with the 131st Bomb Wing in Whiteman Air Force Base.

Sgt. Sewell received a bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Missouri. He's currently working toward the completion of his master's degree in