

Croatian Fraternal Union and for their many years of distinguished service.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The banquet will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCORD, NC LIONS CLUB

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Lions Club of Concord, NC, and the celebration of its 80th Anniversary. The Concord Lions Club is a local service organization dedicated to providing needed and unselfish service to the community, especially to those who are visually and hearing impaired.

Since its inception, the Concord Lions Club has been a staple in the community. The Club is an avid supporter of many key programs in the area, such as the Camp Dogwood program. The Club pays the fee for interested applicants, allowing all to attend this great camp. In addition, the Club collects used eyeglasses, which are refurbished and given to persons in countries around the world who are in need of eyeglasses, but are unable to afford them.

The Concord Lions Club also offers many services, such as free eye and hearing examinations. Residents with vision or hearing disabilities who are financially unable to pay for tests, eyeglasses, or hearing aids are still able to have these vital accessories with the help of the Club and Cabarrus County Social Services. They also place flags throughout Concord to celebrate federal holidays and help raise money for their many worthy projects.

As a former President of the Biscoe Lions Club, I can attest to the phenomenal work that the Concord Lions Club has done, and to their commitment to bettering the community and helping those in need.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Concord Lions Club, as an irreplaceable asset to the people I am proud to represent in North Carolina.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—ADAM HAWKES

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Adam Hawkes for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Adam constructed picnic tables for a local soup kitchen. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Adam has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grant making, community leadership, and administration.

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grant making.

On behalf of the residents of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, I congratulate the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedication to service to the 8th Congressional District and the communities of Northern Virginia.

IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR OF COLUMBUS FRANK MARTIN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspirational and hardworking man and strong community leader, the Honorable Frank K. Martin, Former Mayor of the City of Columbus, Georgia. Sadly, Mr. Martin passed away on August 12, 2012. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of his family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2012, a gathering of family members, friends, and colleagues paid their respects to Mr. Martin at a memorial service held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus.

Former Mayor Martin was born on November 4, 1938 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callier Martin. Known as "Butch," he played for the Columbus High School Football Team. He earned both an undergraduate degree and a law degree from the University of Georgia and became a successful criminal defense attorney before being elected Mayor in 1990.

As Mayor, Mr. Martin led the passage of a 1 percent sales tax to fund the construction of a new civic center, riverwalk and public safety building. He was Vice Chairman of the Columbus 1996 Olympic Committee from 1993 to 1996 and under his leadership, the City of Columbus was able to win a bid to host the 1996 Olympic softball competition.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Frank is his ability to get things done. He sought to make a difference in the community and ultimately elevated the City of Columbus to new heights.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mr. Martin went far in life because he had the courage and insight to help people fight for justice. We are all blessed to have had him touch our lives.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the Columbus, Georgia community, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Martin's wife Helen, their children, and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Human Rights Campaign (HRC), America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality.

Founded in 1980, the Human Rights Campaign's mission is dedicated to ending discrimination against LGBT citizens and working

toward a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC has more than one million members and is supported by even more people throughout the country.

On August 25, 2012, HRC will be hosting the "Making Equality Count" 2012 Human Rights Campaign Cleveland Gala. The event will be held at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center and will feature HRC President, Chad Griffin; Lana Parilla; and University Hospitals receipt of the Corporate Equality Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the decades of work that the Human Rights Campaign has done on behalf of equality for our country's LGBT community.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—CALEB DOWDY

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Caleb Dowdy for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Caleb has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING GEORGE LANGSTAFF

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George Langstaff, a man whose dedication to mentoring economically disadvantaged students in Middle Tennessee has resulted in more than 340 students obtaining a post-high school education.

After a very successful career in the footwear industry, Mr. Langstaff recognized the need to help at-risk young adults obtain a college education. In 1995, he partnered with a Nashville nonprofit to found The Sponsors Scholarship Program. To date, the program that Mr. Langstaff established has raised more than \$2.2 million dedicated to scholarships for financially disadvantaged young people.

For more than 15 years, The Sponsors Scholarship Program and its hundreds of volunteers have provided college counseling, mentoring and college scholarships to capable high school students in Middle Tennessee.

Today, I join the citizens of my district in honoring George Langstaff for his tireless commitment to ensuring that financially challenged young people from Middle Tennessee

have the opportunity obtain a complete education.

We need more citizens like George Langstaff. His Volunteer spirit makes all Tennesseans proud, and a generation of young people successful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, July 31, 2012 was the date of the primary election in Georgia, and I regret that I was absent from votes on that day. However, I would like to make clear my position on the bills that received recorded votes:

(1) S. 679—Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act of 2011—I would have voted "aye."

(2) H.R. 828—Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011, as amended—I would have voted "nay" on this bill that singles out middle class federal workers.

(3) H.R. 3803—District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—I would have voted "nay," against this misguided bill that continues the majority's disrespect for the District of Columbia and all American women. I am pleased that this bill failed to pass the House.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOANN BOUGHMAN'S BECOMING SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Joann Boughman, who will become Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Maryland this month. Dr. Boughman is a geneticist with more than 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education. The University System is fortunate to have her join its leadership team.

For the past 11 years, Dr. Boughman has done outstanding work as Executive Vice President of the American Society of Human Genetics ("ASHG"), which is located in my congressional district. In that capacity, she has been instrumental in ensuring that scientists are engaged in public policy. She has served on federal advisory committees on the regulation of genetic tests and has testified before government panels. She has been a tireless advocate for the need to protect the American people against genetic discrimination and was a leading champion of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Under her leadership, ASHG partnered with the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health in pioneering a Congressional fellowship to bring young geneticists to Capitol Hill.

Dr. Boughman has a long record of service at the University of Maryland. Before joining

ASHG, she was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Prior to holding those positions, she had served as Assistant Professor of epidemiology and preventive medicine and Director of the School of Medicine's graduate program in human genetics.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the University System of Maryland on its appointment of Dr. Boughman and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH JERSEY PARALYMPIANS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our South Jersey Paralympian, April Holmes, who traveled to the London 2012 Paralympics to compete in track and field.

April represents the United States on the world stage, serving as a role model for citizens across South Jersey and the entire nation. Her success, derived from her hard work and dedication, and exemplified through her competitive spirit, is something to which every American can aspire. In the same way that our national ethos rewards fortitude and persistence, April earned the opportunity to compete on the Paralympic stage through tireless training and sacrifice.

Since the beginning of her career in 2002, April has succeeded on the world stage, setting and breaking her own world records. Through fierce competition amongst the greatest athletes in the world, she continually pushes the limits of human achievement. The bonds of friendship gained through equally world-class sportsmanship enrich her and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of this South Jersey Paralympian and her teammates should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our pride in April's efforts.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—MITCHELL KOEBKE

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mitchell Koebke for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Mitchell has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.