

or write hinder her hard work and dedication. Not only did she spend hours making countless phone calls to help organize speakers against S.B. 5, she also initiated and oversaw the completion of an informative booklet, "Women's History Project." This literary work identifies 16 local social activists and explains their background and experiences with social justice causes. The Western Reserve Historical Society has included this booklet in its research catalog.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life and achievements of Judy Gallo. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her memory will live on through the legacy of her dedicated service to the community, and her tireless advocacy of social justice.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASBURY
PARK MAYOR ED JOHNSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor Ed Johnson as he is honored by the NJ State Conference of the NAACP at its 2012 Annual NJ NAACP State Convention. The Mayor's leadership and dedication to the City of Asbury Park is highly deserving of recognition.

First elected to serve as mayor in May 2005, Mayor Johnson is currently serving his second term in office. In addition, Mayor Johnson is a member of the Governing body of Asbury Park, the Transportation Center Subcommittee, and the Neighborhood Preservation Program, among many others. He is no stranger to leadership roles within the City of Asbury Park, having previously served as Chairman of the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone. Through his work at the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone, Mayor Johnson helped develop an organization dedicated to supporting economic growth in Asbury Park and his commitment to opportunities for residents continues today.

Mayor Johnson is also a strong advocate for accessible quality education. He is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Master of Arts Degree in Social and Political Science. His commitment to education is evident in his role as Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center and his previous employment as an educator.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing Mayor Ed Johnson as the NJ State NAACP gathers to celebrate its annual convention. Mayor Johnson's leadership and service to the City of Asbury Park is truly honorable.

IN HONOR OF POLICE CHIEF PAUL
FRAZIER FOR HIS DEDICATED
PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE TOWN
OF BRAINTREE AND THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Police Chief Paul Frazier of Braintree, Massachusetts, in recognition of his thirty-two years of dedicated public service to the families of the Town of Braintree and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Chief Frazier was born and raised in Braintree, Massachusetts, by his proud parents, Mary and Robert Frazier. He is one of ten children. He currently resides in Braintree, Massachusetts and is the proud parent of two wonderful daughters, Jenny and Katie.

Chief Frazier graduated from Braintree High School in 1973 and, following in his father's footsteps, he joined the United States Marine Corps earning the rank of Corporal. After serving our country, he attended Northeastern University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Subsequent to his graduation from Northeastern University, he was hired by the Braintree Police Department on June 2e, 1980. Early in his career, he earned the American Legion's "Medal of Honor" for apprehending an armed felon during a shooting incident. He was later promoted to Sergeant on September 1st, 1987, and Lieutenant on February 5th, 1990. As a Lieutenant, he led the Detective Division and worked with the South Shore Drug Task Force.

In 1993, he became the Chief of Police and was reappointed by Mayor Joseph Sullivan in 2010. As the Chief of Police for 19 years, he has implemented a number of improvements to the department that helped train and equip the police force. Most recently, he helped guide a \$1 million renovation of the police station.

Chief Frazier has volunteered countless hours to various causes, notably the Alzheimer's Disease Memory Ride, where funds are raised to combat Alzheimer's Disease, and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Ralph LePore Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament. Fittingly, Chief Frazier was recognized for his leadership with the Ken Coleman Extra Mile Award, given to the outstanding volunteer to the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take to the floor of the House today to join with his family, friends and contemporaries to thank Braintree Police Chief Paul Frazier for his dedicated public service to the families of the Town of Braintree, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the United States of America. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Police Chief Paul Frazier's career of unselfish commitment to his community and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN
FRESSOLA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleague, Mr. Neal, rise today to recognize Mrs. Helen Fressola on her ninetieth birthday.

Born Helen Haluszka on September 14, 1922, Helen has experienced much throughout her ninety years. Raised in Chicopee as one of three siblings, Helen grew up in Western Massachusetts and also often spent time in Cape Cod, which she considered her second home. Helen began work as a branch manager for Springfield Institution Savings Bank as a young woman, and remained there until her retirement. She also worked as a real estate agent for many years, helping families throughout Massachusetts to find the right home. In her spare time, Helen enjoyed "flipping" houses—the act of purchasing, remodeling, and then selling old homes—and eventually, she expanded this hobby to include restaurants as well. The many homes and restaurants that she renovated remain scattered throughout western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Today, Helen's life is dominated by her love of the ocean, and she is an active member of the Hyannis Yacht Club. She has been interested in politics for decades, and recalls attending events on the Cape that were hosted by members of the Kennedy family. She attributes her longevity to staying young at heart, a way of life that Helen has personified. Even at ninety, she enjoys going out to dinner with her friends and visiting her favorite casino, and she still insists on driving herself to every social occasion that she attends. Helen spends much of her time with her ever-expanding family in Massachusetts. She is the proud mother of son Alfred and daughter Carol, grandmother of Joan, and great-grandmother of Shylae.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud to honor Helen Fressola as she celebrates the joyous occasion of her ninetieth birthday. She is an extraordinary member of our community and her positive spirit is an inspiration to us all. We ask that our colleagues join us in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF 1ST LT. TODD W. LAMBKA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka. On August 1st, 2012, he passed away while serving in the Paktika province of Afghanistan.

1st Lt. Lambka attended Robbinsville High School where he participated in both football and wrestling. He was known for his maturity as well as his work ethic, building a reputation for outworking his teammates and making others around him better. Following high school, 1st Lt. Lambka excelled as a student at the United States Military Academy at West Point,

NY. He was awarded the Robert Foley Scholarship of Honor for receiving high marks and persevering despite the loss of his mother, Donna. After graduation in 2010, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 28th Infantry Regiment in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Infantry Division based in Fort Riley, Kansas.

1st Lt. Lambka is survived by his wife, Cassie, twin brother Jordan, who is also serving in Afghanistan, and father Brian. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

In his writings with others, 1st Lt. Lambka frequently referenced a quote from President Teddy Roosevelt, "There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering." Mr. Speaker, with the life that 1st Lt. Lambka has lived and the sacrifices he made, his name is not merely worth remembering. Rather, it shall be engrained in our national consciousness with the other fallen servicemembers of this generation—men who sacrificed their lives for our country and freedom. I urge my colleagues today to join me in honoring 1st Lt. Lambka.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOSEPH
MEISSNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Joseph Meissner upon his retirement from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and upon his new career as a neighborhood lawyer where he will continue to serve clients and advocate for justice.

I have known Joe Meissner for many years and recognize that Joe's love of justice has deep roots. In the "Freedom Summer" of 1964, while a law student at Harvard University School of Law, Joe was co-chair of the Harvard Civil Rights Committee and marched for civil rights in the South.

After service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and receiving the Bronze Star and other commendation medals, Joe began his career with Legal Aid. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves and eventually earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Since 1967, he has been advocating for low-income clients as a lawyer for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He is well-known for his knowledge of public utilities law. He used his wealth of knowledge to demand justice and fairness in public utility cases on behalf of those in need. Informed by the needs of his clients, Joe fought for a "percentage of payment plan" which keeps gas and electric costs low for low-income customers.

As an attorney, Joe has not only represented private clients, but has also been an advocate for neighborhood economic development and environmental justice. He was an organizer of the Neighborhood Environmental Coalition in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood and other nearby downtown neighborhoods. His ability to navigate utility and environmental law helped stop the siting of incinerators near downtown and helped keep utility emissions in check in the low-income and racially diverse neighborhoods of Cleveland's

urban core. Years after his victories, Joe continued to build on the relationships that he developed with the people in those neighborhoods and government agencies.

At this juncture, Joe Meissner begins a new career. He will soon hang his shingle and practice law from a storefront on Cleveland's near West Side, not far from where he went to high school at St. Ignatius.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in wishing Joseph Meissner well in his retirement from 45 years with Legal Aid and in his new endeavor to represent the people of Cleveland as a neighborhood public interest attorney.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN GURLEY
BROWN

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 10, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Helen Gurley Brown, one of the world's most influential magazine editors and authors. As editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine for over three decades, Ms. Gurley Brown promoted the idea of a modern career woman and left a permanent mark on American culture. She passed away at 90 years old.

Even from an early age, Ms. Gurley Brown never let anyone set limits on what she should do with her life. She put herself through Woodbury Business College and jumped into a career in copyediting, all at a time when society demanded that women marry young and start families instead. She knew that women could have it all: successful careers, relationships, and the confidence to take charge of their own lives.

In 1962, Ms. Gurley Brown authored her famous book, "Sex and the Single Girl." Three years later, she became editor of Cosmopolitan, transforming it into the bold and trendy magazine we know it as today. Her frank advice on sex and careers revolutionized the entire media industry and sparked a nation-wide conversation on what it meant to be a feminist and modern woman. Although her publications were considered shocking and risqué when first published, she ushered in a new wave of ideas and made women's empowerment a mainstream concept.

Ms. Gurley Brown changed the way an entire generation of women defined themselves and their future aspirations. Her outspoken and pioneering nature will be greatly missed, but her lifetime's work has already liberated a whole generation from outdated ideas of women's place in society. Her legacy will live on through the countless women Ms. Gurley Brown has inspired.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing deep condolences to Ms. Gurley Brown's friends and family.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN BUCKEY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from

Nantucket, Massachusetts. This year, John Buckey was honored as the Massachusetts High School Principal of the Year.

A lifelong learner himself, John received his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Asbury College and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Education Leadership at Northeastern University. Sixteen years ago, John began his career in education as a Spanish teacher and Chair of the World Language Department at the Lexington School in Lexington, Kentucky. From there, he pursued a Master of Education from Harvard University and began his first—of many—administrative assignments serving as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Littleton High School in Littleton, Massachusetts. Four years ago, he took over as Principal of Nantucket High School during one of the most difficult periods in the high school's history. It was his leadership, along with the help of the school and greater community that Nantucket High School has achieved tremendous growth over this period.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Principal John Buckey on this joyous occasion. He is an extraordinary member of our community and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him for this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO COACH LIANG CHOW

HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Iowa's own Coach Liang Chow for placing West Des Moines, Iowa among our nation's premier training destinations for aspiring Olympic gymnasts through his world-class coaching.

Coach Chow's life in gymnastics began nearly 10,000 miles away from West Des Moines when he was just five years old in Beijing, China. For more than a decade Liang represented China's national men's gymnastics team and won numerous competitions across the globe, including the World Cup master championships in 1990 and earning a bronze medal at the 1989 world championships. Unfortunately, a back injury before the 1992 Olympic Games forced him to retire prematurely from the sport he loved. However, in every challenge lies opportunity. Liang took advantage of an opportunity to move to Iowa in 1991 and hasn't looked back. Coach Chow began attending the University of Iowa on an English scholarship where his gymnastics experience led to his selection as the university's assistant coach of the men's program. Chow coached five of his gymnasts to the national men's team in his first year. After his exemplary coaching skills became evident, Coach Chow was offered a full time coaching role with the University of Iowa women's gymnastics program. Chow accepted, but soon realized that his coaching technique could reach new heights if his students were a bit younger, to better mold their early gymnastic development.

After searching across the country for an ideal location to open his own gym, Chow knew Iowa was where he was meant to be. In 1998, he secured a small warehouse and opened his first gym. By 2003, he expanded to his current facility, which includes two gyms