

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

and spans 11 acres. Since 1998, Coach Chow's gym maintains a steadfast philosophy of hard work mixed with fun, which emphasizes the journey just as much as the destination. It is in his gym and through his philosophy that Liang Chow has become an international name by coaching American gymnastic icons like Shawn Johnson and Gabby Douglas to Olympic gold.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Chow's contribution to gymnastics and to Iowa cannot be understated. His unwavering commitment to his dreams and the dreams of his students truly embodies Iowa's spirit. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Coach Chow on his stellar career, and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he continues to proudly represent the best of America and her heartland.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to my primary election I was detained from voting on Thursday, August 2, 2012. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 550, rollcall 551, rollcall 553, rollcall 555.

I would have voted "nay" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 549, rollcall 552, rollcall 554, rollcall 556.

COMMEMORATING IFSTL FOR ITS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN FIGHTING TO INCREASE GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the one-year anniversary of the International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL) at the University of Maryland. This ground-breaking public-private-academic partnership puts to work government, university and private industry resources to expand the capacity of food safety scientists globally.

The global food trade has soared over the past two decades. Increasing public demand for international foods has resulted in global food exports exceeding \$1 trillion per year. With changing regulations and technologies coupled with shrinking budgets from tough economic conditions, assuring food safety has become a growing challenge.

We know how important it is for our food supply to be 100% safe. Americans need confidence that the food they provide their families is free of contamination. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a big job to do, and the recent Food Safety Modernization Act will help them protect our food supply. But even with the added protections afforded by this law, the FDA still can't respond to the hundreds of requests from foreign governments to train their officials on U.S. regulatory

standards and requirements. And the best way to ensure food safety is make sure the food is safe before it reaches our borders.

The IFSTL greatly assists the FDA by training food safety scientists from around the world on the best food safety practices. They learn how to better detect food borne contamination and what they have to do to meet U.S. regulatory standards. This training will enable governments and food manufacturers to more easily detect contaminated food at farms, ports and manufacturing plants and it will increase compliance with food regulations. Over time, this will make food safer when it reaches our tables.

The IFSTL also creates permanent channels of communication between food regulators and producers from around the world, allowing them to work together to identify and resolve food safety challenges. This supports trade between countries and enables food safety standards to rise across the board.

I am proud to join IFSTL in celebrating their first of many anniversaries. I thank them for their work and commend their partners that have helped: the University of Maryland, the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, the FDA, and Waters Corporation. Thank you.

HONORING MR. HERBERT M. SACHS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Herbert M. Sachs for over fifty years of dedicated service to Maryland and his longstanding commitment to protecting and improving our region's water resources. In the countless water resource management projects he led to success, Mr. Sachs has made an indelible mark on our state and his efforts will have an enormous impact that will benefit us for many years to come.

From the beginning of his career, Mr. Sachs has been a true leader in solving environmental and natural resource issues in Maryland. In the early 1960s, Mr. Sachs played a critical role in creating and directing both the Maryland Department of Water Resources and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. For more than 40 years, he served in various positions at the Maryland Department of Planning as well as Director of the Water Resources Administration and Assistant Secretary at the Department of Natural Resources, overseeing efforts related to water pollution control, water resources management, wastewater treatment and flood control.

Mr. Sachs' model for success is distinguished by the integration and collaboration of all stakeholders. While serving as the Executive Director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin from 1992 until 1997, Mr. Sachs supervised efforts related to the coordination of water supply and activities between Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. In 1998 he returned to the State of Maryland at the Maryland Department of the Environment where he worked on the Coastal Bay Restoration Program, the Susquehanna River Basin

Commission, the Patuxent River Commission and the Potomac River Basin, among others. In each position, Mr. Sachs applied his unparalleled knowledge and his spirit for team work to ensure that our water sources in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Basin are preserved and protected.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Sachs has been recognized for his expertise, his passion and his good nature. He is a thoughtful leader who strives to find new and creative ways to solve problems and give back to his community. Mr. Sachs' dedication to the State of Maryland and to the conservation of our water resources is commendable and I thank him for his many years of outstanding service as well as for his visionary leadership and dedication to improving the environment.

IN HONOR OF FRED AND JAKKI NANCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fred and Jakki Nance who are the recipients of the 2012 Pan Award at Cleveland Public Theatre's Pandemonium 2012: House of Dreams Gala.

Founded in 1981 by James Levin, the Cleveland Public Theatre is an arts complex located in Cleveland's Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. The Cleveland Public Theatre is recognized for shows that are often progressive, political, and provocative. It also serves the area's urban youth and homeless through educational programs. Cleveland Public Theatre's mission is to raise consciousness and nurture compassion through ground-breaking performances and life-changing educational programs.

Both Fred and Jakki Nance have long histories of community involvement and have committed their lives to improving Northeast Ohio. Jakki is a board member for the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Union Club, Laurel School and the Thomas Moyer Judicial Center and Foundation. She is the president of Philanthropic Solutions and has already been a leader with the LeBron James Family Foundation, Cleveland Browns Foundation and Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Fred Nance currently serves on the boards of the Cleveland Clinic, Greater Cleveland Partnership, The Cleveland Foundation and RPM International Inc. He has also been a board member for the Cleveland Museum of Art, BioEnterprise Inc. and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. He is integral in the leadership of the Ohio Business Roundtable and the 50 Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fred and Jakki Nance who, because of their contributions to the community, are the winners of the 2012 Pan Award.