

her neighbors and her church members at Saint Philip AME Church; she was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and our district; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Fannie Sheridan for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Fannie Sheridan of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition": Mrs. Fannie Sheridan, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of July, 2012.

TOM LEMMON—JOHN S. LYONS
FOUNDATION LABOR LEADER OF
THE YEAR!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proclaim that organized labor and its leaders are often the sole-source fighting for the rights of working men and women all across this great nation for many decades.

One such leader from my 51st Congressional District, who has been at the forefront of this unified labor movement in Southern California, is the very dynamic Business Manager of the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, Tom Lemmon. In Tom's capacity, he oversees twenty-two affiliates with separate jurisdictions, in addition to directing fourteen independently operated joint labor-apprenticeships.

In addition to his other accomplishments, Tom is Chairman of the Board for the San Diego Buildings Trades Housing Corporation that owns and operates a four hundred and fifty-unit affordable housing complex in National City that he lived in during his early teens.

Tom served as member of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Diego Schools Prop MM Construction Bond, he was the Chair of the San Diego Community College District's Construction Sub-Committee, and further served as Chair to the Advisory Committee for the Tech Academy which is located at Kearney High School.

Tom is currently a very active member of the United Way and still finds time to serve as a trustee for the Western States Health and Welfare Benefits Trust Fund; he is the President of the Imperial County Building Trades Council. Tom is also a long time member of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club having served their Board for several years in the capacity of their 2nd Vice President.

Tom attended San Diego Mesa College before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, earning an honorable discharge. He then earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Labor Studies from the National Labor College.

Tom started his career in the building and construction trades as an entry-level construc-

tion worker and took full advantage of educational opportunities offered by the Insulators & Asbestos Workers Local Union #5 Apprenticeship Training Trust. After gaining experience in the field and classroom, Tom rapidly advanced to managing a variety of major construction projects throughout the Southwest and Hawaii. He is a life-long resident of San Diego where he still resides with his wonderful wife and daughter.

We need to congratulate Tom Lemmon for his many years of dedicated service to the organized labor movement in San Diego and to working men and women all across this great nation!

TRIBUTE TO TIM CONLEY AND THE PEOPLE OF MORGAN COUNTY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley and the first responders of West Liberty, Kentucky in honor of their steadfast resolve and perseverance to rebuild and recover the town of West Liberty in the midst of disaster.

On Friday March 2, 2012, thousands of lives changed across southern and eastern Kentucky, when multiple deadly tornadoes ravaged our region, including an EF-3 tornado that destroyed downtown West Liberty with winds reaching 165 mph. Homes were leveled, businesses and community centers annihilated, families were displaced all over the countryside, and loved ones were lost. County Judge Tim Conley, West Liberty Mayor Jim Rupe, and first responders took charge immediately, serving as heroes both during and after the storm. Along with many others, Judge Conley risked his own life to rush a family into shelter at City Hall, barely hanging on as the violent eye of the storm nearly swept them away. Within days of the disaster, Conley made tough decisions to get the county back into operation after the tornado shut down every bank, grocery store, gas station, and government building in town. Through his dedication and hard work, Conley kept up morale, supplied vital information to residents, and rallied the community as they began to envision a new future for West Liberty.

Thousands of volunteers and tireless emergency crews helped Kentucky families get back on their feet after the deadly tornado outbreak. Our brave first responders searched every home for survivors, staying awake until everyone was accounted for and had received medical attention. The volunteer efforts ranged from people of all ages, including Boy Scouts and Disabled American Veterans, who fed and clothed dozens of families in addition to cleaning and rebuilding homes and businesses. Volunteer efforts were so abundant that FEMA did not have to set up any temporary shelters, due to the numerous families in West Liberty that selflessly took in their neighbors and family members.

As West Liberty continues to rebuild and look forward, we must remember and honor the hundreds of first responders, local officials such as Tim Conley, and volunteers who worked hard to lend a hand in the darkest

hour. It was through their selfless service, resilience, and valiant leadership that helped put Morgan County on the path to recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tim Conley, our first responders, and the numerous volunteers throughout Kentucky for their heroic acts of bravery, compassion for those in need, and determination to recover and succeed.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPTAIN EMILIANO TELLADO

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Captain Emiliano Tellado of the United States Army for his dedication and service to our Nation. Captain Tellado recently moved on from his assignment as a Congressional Liaison for the Army to become the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Land Command Stand Up Team Special Initiatives Group Leader.

A native of Puerto Rico, Captain Tellado graduated from Norwich University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Studies. Following his graduation from Norwich University in May 2003, Captain Tellado was commissioned in the Field Artillery branch. His first assignment was with 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Light, where he served as a Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader. During that time he deployed as part of Combined Joint Task Force-76 to Afghanistan from March 2006 to November 2007. Upon his arrival he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Light, where he served as a Battalion Fire Support Officer and a Rifle Company Commander, deploying for a second time.

For his second deployment, Captain Tellado deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the "Surge" from November 2007 to January 2009. Throughout his deployments Captain Tellado led soldiers in combat at both the platoon and company level in Afghanistan and Iraq. His awards and decorations are as extensive as they are impressive, and include: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, and Parachutist Badge.

After transferring command in August, he attended the Field Artillery Captains Career Course. Upon completion, Captain Tellado was selected for the prestigious Army Congressional Fellowship Program, where, as part of the Program, he earned his Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

This Master's would serve him well, as Captain Tellado was then chosen to serve as a Defense Department Fellow on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He utilized the skills he learned from his Master's program, together with his extensive deployment experience, to provide expert advice on Middle East and South Asian affairs.

In January 2011, he arrived in the House Army Liaison Division where he assumed his

duties as a Legislative Liaison and continued to honorably serve as a conduit between the Army and Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work closely with Captain Tellado over the last few years of his decorated career, both as a Fellow for the Foreign Affairs Committee, and as a Legislative Liaison for Congress to the Army. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Captain Tellado for dedicating his life in service to his country.

For all he and his wife have given, and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him and his wife Sindia Luz Tellado all the best as they continue their journey together, wherever that may lead them.

IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKLYN CENTRE'S BICENTENNIAL

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 the bicentennial celebration of Brooklyn Centre, a historic neighborhood within the City of Cleveland.

Brooklyn Centre was founded by James Fish of Connecticut in 1812, marking the first settlement west of the Cuyahoga River. Just a few years later, more than 200 people had begun living in the area. On June 1, 1818, Brooklyn Township was formally organized. Throughout the next several decades immigrants from Germany, Poland and Ireland moved to Brooklyn Centre. The area became known for its tanners, shoemakers, and other skilled tradesmen. Brooklyn Centre was annexed by the City of Cleveland in the latter half of the 19th century, after which it began to grow rapidly.

Less than a century later, following World War II, the residents of Brooklyn Centre began focusing on the preservation and revitalization of their neighborhood. In 1946, the Southwest Citizens Area Council was formed. The Brooklyn Center Community Association, also known as Archwood Concerned Citizens, and the Brooklyn Centre Historical Society were founded in 1978. In 1981, the Crossroads Development Corporation was established. In 1984, the City of Cleveland recognized the historic importance and architectural significance of the neighborhood with the creation of the Brooklyn Centre Historic District. More recently, Friends of Big Creek and the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists have been established and the new Jones Home National Historic District was designated. In November 2008, Brooklyn Centre became a National Wildlife Federation registered Community Wildlife Habitat Site.

The Brooklyn Centre Bicentennial celebration began on Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Brooklyn Centre Burying Grounds, which was founded in 1835. The neighborhood will also celebrate with a parade, community picnic and historic home tour, among other festivities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing 200 years of history and culture in Cleveland's Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

HONORING IRIS M. ARCHER AS 2012 ANGELS IN ADOPTION HONOREE

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iris M. Archer of Macon, GA, as a 2012 Angels in Adoption Honoree for her outstanding advocacy of adoption in the State of Georgia.

Mrs. Archer is the founding director of Covenant Care Services, a statewide adoption agency based in Macon and serving all of Georgia. Mrs. Archer founded the organization and served as Executive Director from 1989 until her retirement in May 2011.

Adoptive parents often endure a long journey that requires them to endure a great deal of sacrifice. Their journey begins long before they ever meet their bundle of joy and to prepare for this momentous occasion they often secure an advocate to help them navigate the arduous process. However, in the late 1980s, during a time when unplanned pregnancy was still very much considered shameful, one woman noticed that a very important player in this process often did not have a voice in the world of adoption. While adoptive parents were cooing over the new addition to their family with their advocates by their sides, the baby's birthmother was left by herself to overcome the sadness that often accompanies the difficult decision she made.

Mrs. Archer felt that she could be that voice for the birthmother. Utilizing her degree in counseling and previous work experience for a national adoption agency, she set out on a mission to offer counseling and education to mothers of unplanned pregnancy and offered herself as an advocate for them all around the state. By 1989, her one-woman mission had grown into a full-time cause and Covenant Care Services was established. In that time, she worked to change general adoption practices to identify a triad that included separate advocates for the family, baby and birthmother. The triad's purpose was to alleviate conflict of interest and ensure that all parties are fully served.

As the demand for their services increased around the state, Mrs. Archer began to expand the organization. By the mid-1990s Covenant Care had staff in five communities around the state and employed seventeen full-time staff members. At the insistence of Mrs. Archer, Covenant Care was built as an organization that depends on fundraising for two-thirds of its annual budget. This means that the agency is not dependent on adoption revenue to operate. Not only does it allow the agency to offer some of the lowest adoption fees in the state but more importantly the ability to emphasize education and counseling for the mother without the pressure of being forced to choose adoption. Covenant Care's work has resulted in an average of 25 adoptions each year, nearly 600 adoptions since 1989.

Iris Archer is a woman who simply saw a problem and dared to believe that she could do something about it, and something she did. Mr. Speaker, for her tireless devotion to the entire adoptive family, please join me in honoring Mrs. Iris M. Archer as a true "Angel in Adoption."

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE

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 New Avenues to Independence, a volunteer organization that provides services to individuals with disabilities.

New Avenues to Independence was founded in 1952 by a group of parents with disabled children. Instead of sending their children off to live in institutions, the founding parents had a vision of an organization that would facilitate independent lives for their children and others with disabilities. For the past sixty years, New Avenues to Independence has provided opportunities for employment and education to the individuals it serves, in addition to various forms of therapy and recreational activities both inside and outside of its group homes. New Avenues to Independence serves people with a wide range of disabilities and is committed to meeting the specific needs of each individual.

Since its founding, New Avenues to Independence has grown in the number of people it serves as well as the number of services it provides. There are now eight homes located in the Northeast Ohio area, serving 600 disabled people each year. Over the years, New Avenues to Independence has received many awards recognizing its contributions to the community. This year marks the 60th anniversary of its founding.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring New Avenues to Independence, an organization that has provided individuals with disabilities the means to lead independent lives for the past sixty years.

HONORING TERYLE L. BERRY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself to her country, family and community; and

Whereas, Ms. Teryle L. Berry served six (6) years in the United States Navy, she was an educator, community advocate and business owner; and

Whereas, Ms. Berry gave of her time and talent to uplift those in need by demonstrating unwavering commitment to serving the citizens of her community, her family and her country; and

Whereas, she was a mother, a daughter, a sister and a friend; she was a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting and service to our district; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Ms. Teryle L. Berry as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Ms. Teryle L. Berry is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional