

after by some of America's most prestigious universities. But Donald Holleder chose to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, even forgoing a National Football League draft selection by the New York Giants in 1956 to serve as an officer in the Army.

Don Holleder was, by nature, a selfless man who subordinated himself to the greater good of the team, whether that team was on the football field or the field of battle. He was the embodiment of a true leader, willing to endure personal sacrifice so that others could succeed, even at risk to his own personal safety.

Major Holleder's actions in Vietnam on the morning of October 17th, 1967 at the Battle of Ong Thanh were unparalleled in their bravery. According to eyewitness accounts documented in the Army's recommendation for award, his actions to save wounded soldiers under enemy fire were above and beyond the call of duty. After several requests to be permitted to assist his men, the Brigade Commander relented and gave his approval. Having voluntarily gone outside the perimeter, armed with only a .45 caliber pistol and advised of the peril he faced, he ran several times into no-man's land, risking his own life to save others. Stabilizing a rapidly deteriorating situation and reestablishing command, this Brigade staff officer saved many lives before he was mortally wounded.

On April 27th, 2012, Major Donald Holleder was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in recognition of his sacrifice. His actions were indeed so notable and involved risk of life so extraordinary that he clearly deserves to be set apart from his comrades, exemplifying the timeless values of courage and sacrifice that this award is intended to honor.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENABLE AMERICA

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Enable America, a first of its kind organization entirely dedicated to reducing unemployment among people with disabilities. This organization has assisted countless people with disabilities in finding a job and the belief that "good things happen when people have jobs" underpins their efforts.

Enable America was founded by Richard Salem, a man intimately familiar with the disabled community. After losing his eyesight as a teenager, Richard's parents were the main drivers behind his continued inclusion in the public high school system, which later allowed him to graduate cum laude from Belmont Abbey College. In pursuing a law degree, he was the first blind student to attend Duke Law School, graduating with distinction in 1972. Now, 40 years later, Richard is not only a successful lawyer, as the founding partner of the Tampa-based Salem Law group, he is also a tireless advocate for those living with disabilities and life-changing diseases.

Knowing that the support he received was one of the keys to his success, Richard founded Enable America in 2002 as a nonprofit organization that is focused on increasing em-

ployment among the 54 million Americans with disabilities, including wounded warriors and disabled veterans. With more than 70 percent of adults with disabilities wanting to work so that they can live independently, the programs that Enable America has developed helps them to achieve this goal. Enable America's committed staff knows that having a job gives people "self-esteem, independence and pride. They have a place in the community and are able to grow and become their own person."

In assisting people with disabilities to find a job, Enable America directly confronts the misinformation or misunderstandings about the disabled community, which often hinders people with disabilities from finding employment. Enable America's two-pronged approach was developed specifically to help connect the disabled community with the business community. First, they host Community Connection Meetings across the nation, which assist with the creation of a national information-sharing network comprised of local community task forces devoted to eliminating the barriers to employment for disabled individuals. Second, Enable America hosts a series of meetings with business leaders, managers, resource professionals and speakers to encourage prospective employers to hire disabled job seekers by demonstrating the many benefits of hiring disabled employees and by answering questions that businesses may have about issues such as personnel policies, taxes and insurance.

Beyond connecting people with disabilities with business leaders, Enable America also provides disability employee mentoring. This program provides people with disabilities with real-world experience in the workplace by matching mentees with business mentors that are looking to improve diversity and increase employment opportunities. Today, I have the privilege to host one of these mentees in my Washington, D.C. office. William "Bill" Rockwood, who is currently pursuing a law degree at Georgetown, does not allow his learning disability to stop him from embracing new experiences and taking advantage of opportunities when they come along. Programs like Enable America, which offered Bill a unique mentoring opportunity, not only provide an irreplaceable experience for the mentees, but also afford mentors an impactful look at the contributions they can make in any work environment.

Finally, Enable America assists our wounded warriors as they return to active duty or civilian life. These brave men and women who have served our country in combat deserve all the assistance that we can provide. Military service members, past and present, possess a great sense of honor and traits any employer would find valuable—duty, commitment, and loyalty. Enable America honors their service and sacrifice by showing businesses that investing in our nation's veterans and honoring their service to our nation is not charity, but a smart decision.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see this organization is truly making a difference in the lives of those living with disabilities. I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing this important milestone and to wish Enable America continued success in the future.

HONORING LT COL KRISTINE SWAIN FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kristine Swain for her 21 years of dedicated service to our great country. Lt Col Swain graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991, and a year later earned her Master of Arts in Russian studies from the University of Kansas. During Lt Col Swain's 21 years of exceptional service she has served in South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Alaska, England, Kosovo, Italy, and Belgium.

During Lt Col Swain's three year assignment in Brussels she authored position papers for use by both the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State for negotiations dealing with the Russian incursion into Georgia. She was awarded her second Defense Meritorious Service Medal in part for translating complex and delicate guidance into concrete NATO policy and action. Lt Col Swain is currently serving as associate professor of history at the Air Force Academy where she has authored a new course in Russian history and co-authored an innovative senior level course on the Cold War. We are all indebted to the selfless service members such as Lt Col Swain and many others who courageously defend our great nation.

IN HONOR OF JULIAN ROGERS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Julian Rogers, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Tenth District.

Councilman Rogers was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and currently chairs the Environment and Sustainability Committee. He is also the current Executive Director of Education Voters Ohio, a statewide, nonprofit organization that works to improve the quality of public education throughout Ohio.

Prior to serving the residents of Cuyahoga County, Councilman Rogers worked as the senior assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) for a span of seven years. During that time, he also served as a Liaison to the Office of the Mayor for five years. Preceding his work with the CMSD and City of Cleveland, Rogers worked on Mary Boyle's campaign for the U.S. Senate, as a Regional Director for America Coming Together, served as a delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention, co-founded Blue 88 and served as Field Director for the Cuyahoga County Arts and Culture levy which helps provide over \$16 million a year to support arts and culture in the community. Additionally he has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in 2006 and 2009,

and has served as a Program Associate for Public Policy and Research for the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture.

Councilman Rogers is the recipient of several awards and honors including the Emerging Leader Award bestowed upon him by Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones and the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus in 2006 and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge in 2009.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Julian Rogers, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

#### CONGRATULATING THE BAY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bay Area Community Foundation on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations 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, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Bay Area Community Foundation of Bay City, Michigan has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Bay Area Community Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and in commending the foundation's dedicated service to Bay City and other communities in Michigan.

IN HONOR OF PERNEL JONES, JR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pernel Jones, Jr., a member of the

Cuyahoga County Council serving the Eighth District.

Councilman Jones attended the Baltimore Polytechnic Institutes in 1989 and later received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland in 1991. In 1992, he was named as a Licensed Funeral Director. He currently acts as the Director of Community Relations for the Pernel Jones and Sons Funeral Home which has been offering services to the Greater Cleveland area since 1973.

Councilman Jones was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and is the current Chair of the Public Works and Contracting Committee. He is a strong advocate of retaining jobs and promoting the creation of new jobs. He believes in promoting trust and confidence in the local government though effective and accountable leadership, and he intends to maintain the moral and legal obligations of the charter government, so that they may provide the best possible social service to the community at hand.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Pernel Jones, Jr., a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

#### NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This is an important time to raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. In 2012, it is estimated that approximately 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 15,500 will die of the disease.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, making it the deadliest gynecologic cancer. If ovarian cancer is treated before it spreads outside the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Currently, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at such an early stage and overall the five-year survival rate is 46 percent.

I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths. Experts recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the often subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. Four major symptoms of ovarian cancer include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and frequent or urgent need to urinate. I ask all of my colleagues to become familiar with these symptoms and to share the information with their friends, family, staff, and constituents.

Because no ovarian cancer screening or early detection test exists, organizations such as the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance stress that "until there's a test, awareness is best." I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance for its steadfast commitment to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for its advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease.

I also want to mention a few very important federal programs that are providing hope to

those with ovarian cancer. The National Cancer Institute, NCI, at the National Institutes of Health does crucial research work in all areas of cancer, including ovarian cancer. These efforts will hopefully one day lead to breakthroughs that reduce ovarian cancer incidence, mortality, and morbidity. NCI has more than 550 active research projects on ovarian cancer in its cancer research portfolio.

Another important program is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative. This initiative works to coordinate and fund health activities working toward early detection and improved treatment options. CDC also plays a critical role in disseminating information about ovarian cancer risk factors, signs, and symptoms to women, health professionals, and the public. It is imperative that these programs continue to receive adequate funding in order to perform basic research and then translate that research into results for women with or at risk for this terrible disease.

I encourage all Members of Congress and staff to join me this month in bringing greater awareness to ovarian cancer and to help educate the women in your life about the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer. Together we can help save lives from ovarian cancer.

IN HONOR OF C. ELLEN CONNALLY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of C. Ellen Connally, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Ninth District.

Councilwoman Connally graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University, a master's degree and Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University, and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Akron. She has served as a Visiting and Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron College of Law and is a former President of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University.

Before representing the Ninth District of Cuyahoga County, Councilwoman Connally was a law clerk in the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Ohio, a Magistrate in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division, and was subsequently elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court. She served the court as Judge for 24 years. She was the first female, African-American Democrat elected to the Bench in Ohio and the first to be elected without first being appointed. In addition to her position as Judge, Councilwoman Connally has also served as a Special Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland and Foreman of the Cuyahoga County General Jury.

Councilwoman Connally was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010. She is the current President of the Cuyahoga County Council. She shares her time representing the Ninth District with other various roles in her community, including serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio and the Vice President of the Board of Community Action Against Addiction.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring C. Ellen Connally, President of the