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COMMENDING NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY

LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend New Providence High School on being named the top public high school in New Jersey by New Jersey Monthly Magazine. This is an accomplishment of which the school and the community should be very proud.

New Providence High School has been a model of success. It has been continually ranked among the top public schools in the state for its high test scores and curriculum. New Providence High School has excelled in nearly every major aspect of students' education with fine teachers and a supportive staff. New Providence High School was named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education. This is the highest honor a school can receive in the Nation.

New Providence High School has truly executed the school district's motto "Dedicated to Excellence." I congratulate the students, faculty members, parents and members of the community for these outstanding distinctions.

IN HONOR OF JACK H. SCHRON, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jack H. Schron, Jr., a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Sixth District.

Councilman Schron graduated in 1970 from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor of Science degree and received his Juris Doctorate in 1975 from Ohio Northern University. Following his licensure to practice law in both Ohio and Florida, Councilman Schron served in the United States Army legal corps, from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 28 years of service.

In addition to his military service, the Councilman has also acted as President and Chief Executive Officer of Jergens, Inc. for over 25 years while also co-founding Tooling University—an internet education business. In addition to his professional career, Schron served a twelve year tenure on the Chagrin Falls Board of Education and was a member of the Clean Ohio Council, the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network, and Wire-net—an economic development organization that works to serve manufacturing businesses in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010, Councilman Schron is Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

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

ON THE TRAGIC SIKH TEMPLE SHOOTING

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to stand in solidarity with the families as well as the victims of the Sikh Temple shooting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which took place on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Six people were killed and four wounded, including a police officer, in this horrific violence as people sought to peacefully worship with family and neighbors in their sanctuary. Observation and practice of one's religion should be inviolate, but on that fateful Sunday, it was so heinously violated.

While what causes someone to do such a dastardly deed will remain a mystery to all, faith will console where reason cannot. We can find some solace in the heroism displayed by those in the line of fire, who as ordinary citizens and first-responders risked their lives and limbs to protect others.

The shooter, blinded by ignorance and hate, underestimated the strength and resolve of the Sikh community. Upon hearing of the shooting, Sikh congregations around the country dedicated their services to the victims of the shooting. The Sikh community will overcome this tragedy and we as a country will support them because what impacts them directly impacts all indirectly.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES M. GERMANA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Charles M. "Chuck" Germana, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Fourth District.

In 1971, Councilman Germana began a career as an Independent Insurance Agent with the Four Star Insurance Agency in Parma, Ohio and has continued his work with the agency since then. He has been a 32-year Board member, Treasurer, and two-time President of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been an active member of the Northeast Ohio City Council Association having served as a Board member, Treasurer, Vice President and President. He is also actively involved in the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation.

Since being elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010, Councilman Germana has been named the Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations and Collaboration Committee and has advocated for a charter government that inspires confidence in the electorate through an open, ethical, transparent and fair manner of holding all meetings and transactions.

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

WVOW RADIO 60 YEARS OF SERVICE IN LOGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of a local radio station in the heart of the coalfields of southern West Virginia. This year, WVOW Radio celebrates 60 years of excellence in journalism and service to the greater Logan County area and beyond.

In 1954, Mr. Bill Becker, an attorney, and his lovely wife, Mrs. Martha Jane Becker, an educator, took on the management of a struggling two-year old AM radio station in Logan County. Not only did they take on the management of the station, but they put their heart and soul into the daily operation of this station, often adding their personal touches to the programming, advertisements, and live-remotes. In fact, many of my constituents can fondly recall WVOW's annual Christmas programming, "Santa Claus", in which Bill and Martha Jane added their very own personal touch.

You see, in rural West Virginia, our local media, especially local radio, play a critical role in our communities. Yes, they are known for their music, sports, and commercials, but more importantly, and maybe less noticed, is the invaluable service this station has provided to its listeners in literally saving lives.

For instance, when an earthen dam broke in the Buffalo Creek area of Logan County in February of 1972, WVOW was the first to warn nearby residents to evacuate their homes immediately, undoubtedly saving countless lives from the wake of destruction that loomed near. Also, during this summer's widespread derecho and heat wave that swept through my Congressional District, WVOW was a victim of the mass power outages that we all experienced. However, they knew they had the obligation to their listeners to get back on the air and pass along critical, potentially life-saving, information. Through their hard work and sheer determination, the station was able to get back on the air and provide the much needed information to their audiences.

While these are just two examples of the essential role WVOW has played in our communities through their history, there are countless other stories of how, through news coverage and public service announcements, they have kept citizens informed and helped raise public consciousness on a variety of quality of life issues.

In an era where mega media corporations are chasing the all-mighty dollar, WVOW has remained steadfast to Bill and Martha Jane Becker's philosophy—first aired 60 years ago—a rock solid commitment to always serve their even-more-all-mighty listeners, first and foremost.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in wishing a Happy 60th Birthday to WVOW Radio in Logan, West Virginia, and to extend our best wishes to their dedicated and talented staff for 60 more productive and blessed years!

IN HONOR OF SUNNY M. SIMON

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 Sunny M. Simon, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Eleventh District.

Councilwoman Simon earned her Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors from John Carroll University and her Juris Doctorate with Honors from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She owns a private law practice, is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association as a part of the Family Law section, and has served as a volunteer magistrate for Juvenile Court in South Euclid.

Councilwoman Simon was elected to the South Euclid City Council in 1999 where she not only served on the Finance, Legislative, Safety, Public Utilities, Planning and Zoning Committees, but also served as Council President.

Now as a member of the Cuyahoga County Council, she is serving as the Vice-President of the Council and the Chair of the Justice Affairs Committee. Councilwoman Simon is a strong supporter of the development of community policing initiatives, of strong services for senior residents, and of conservation, sustainability, and smart land use initiatives. She is also the founder of the South Euclid Humane Society and the South Euclid dog park.

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

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. In 2012 alone, it is estimated that roughly 22,280 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer; and 15,500 will die from this insidious disease. Because most women are diagnosed in later stages of the disease, ovarian cancer has the highest mortality rate of all types of gynecological cancer, and it is the fifth-leading cause of cancer death among women. In fact, the five year survival rate is only 45 percent—not much higher than when the War on Cancer was declared 41 years ago!

The word “cancer” evokes powerful emotions. Along with many of my colleagues, I know firsthand how devastating cancer can be to the individual who has been diagnosed as well as their family. Throughout September, all across the Nation, men and women will come together for events to both raise awareness of this terrible scourge and to show their support for the women and families struggling with this horrible disease. When September ends though, the fight against ovarian cancer will go on.

Without a reliable screening test, our greatest weapon against this disease is awareness.

If your mother, aunt, sister, wife or daughter experiences any of the following symptoms for more than a few weeks, strongly urge her to talk with her doctor or gynecologist immediately: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, frequent or urgent need to urinate.

If everyone in this chamber learns and shares these symptoms with just one person, and asks that person to pass the information forward to just one other person; and so on, and so on; we can spare thousands of women and their families the extraordinary suffering that comes with a late-stage cancer diagnosis. The more women and health professionals know about the symptoms and risk factors associated with ovarian cancer the more lives that can be saved.

Our ultimate goal, however, should be the complete eradication of this disease. Research holds the key to identifying better treatments for ovarian cancer, as well as the development of a critically-needed screening test.

The Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program plays a key role in supporting unique ovarian cancer research and has already seen some breakthroughs in the fight against ovarian cancer. Adequate funding will allow the program to maintain current research and expand innovative investigations into much-needed early detection and screening or early detection tools.

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. Additionally, NCI supports the Gynecologic Oncology Group, which promotes clinical and basic research, and four ovarian cancer Specialized Programs of Research Excellence, or SPOREs, to focus on translational research and turning scientific discoveries into applicable solutions or treatments.

Finally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ovarian Cancer Control 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.

We owe it to the women in our lives to fund the research necessary to purge this threat of cancer entirely. I fully understand the financial challenges facing our country, but I believe 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.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and to wear Teal—the official color for ovarian cancer, like pink is for breast cancer, throughout September to show your support.

IN HONOR OF YVONNE CONWELL

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 Yvonne Conwell, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Seventh District.

Upon graduating from Cleveland State University, Councilwoman Conwell has spent her time serving others, especially families and children. She has served at Parmadale, an organization that provides support to at-risk children, including those that may be severely emotionally disturbed and with Jewish Family Services assisting those with diagnosed developmental disabilities. Professionally, Conwell has worked for Cleveland Healthcare for the Homeless (now known as Care Alliance), at Bridgeway, Inc. providing case management to fifty individuals facing mental and physical challenges, and at Oriana House helping coordinate services for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration. Councilwoman Conwell also served five years as the Director of Outreach for the Cuyahoga County Recorder's office.

Together with her husband, Councilwoman Conwell donates much of her time to helping support local food drives and festivals whose admissions are food items for the needy, activities known as “Harvest for Hunger.” The Conwells have also established a charity of their own, “Operation Helping Hands of Greater Cleveland”—an organization with the mission of providing needy families with infant items, clothing, and financial support.

Now as a representative of the Seventh District of the Cuyahoga County Council, Councilwoman Conwell serves as the Chair of the Human Resources, Procurement, Appointments, and Equity Committee.

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

HONORING NEA JAZZ MASTER
JIMMY HEATH**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Jimmy Heath will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, CBCF, at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that will take place during the 42nd Annual Legislative Conference, ALC. Mr. Heath will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, DC. Mr. Heath will receive the 2012 CBCF ALC Jazz Legacy Award for his six decades of contributions to jazz and world culture.

The oldest living member of the Philadelphia-bred Heath Brothers jazz family (bassist Percy and drummer Albert); Jimmy Heath rose to prominence during the forties, as a member of the Howard McGhee Big Band. In 1948 at the age of 21, he performed in the First International Jazz Festival in Paris with McGhee,