

in pastoral zones in which cows share the landscape with native birds, plants, and animals. Lying on the San Andreas Fault, PRNS also displays the effects of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the sign of geological land in motion as the peninsula moves north at the rate of two inches a year.

This special area was first conceived as a park in 1938, and today it hosts over two million visitors a year. It is one of the country's most visited national parks.

Mr. Speaker, it takes hard work by many visionary and dedicated people to create and maintain a jewel like Point Reyes National Seashore. I am proud to congratulate all of them on 50 years of providing A Natural Sanctuary, A Human Haven.

HONORING VAN P. BARBIERI

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Van P. Barbieri, who passed away on September 5, 2012. Van P. Barbieri was born on August 27, 1940 in San Pedro, California. He was a gentle, quiet man, who was never overbearing in expressing his ideas and thoughts about making our community better. He served on the Board of Directors of several local organizations. He was an affable San Pedro High School graduate who became one of the top real estate salesmen on the Palos Verdes Peninsula for 35 years, most recently at the Miraleste office of Remax, and was a former president of the California Real Estate Association.

To those in sports, he is remembered as the former boxing publicist for the Olympic Auditorium during the arena's heyday and a close friend and aide-de-camp for Pro Football Hall of Fame coach, George Allen. He was given the distinct honor of being inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; mother, Eva; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis, (Lucretia), Anthony, (Linda) and John; several step children and grandchildren; and of course, countless friends. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MARLENE ANIELSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Marlene Anielski of Ohio's 17th House District.

Representative Anielski holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Akron and a Master of Business Administration from Cleveland State University where she also received her certification as an Ohio Certified Public Manager.

Representative Anielski's political career began with her role as Walton Hills' Councilwoman, a position she held for two years before being elected Mayor of Walton Hills. She

served as Mayor/Safety Director of the City for ten years between 2000 and 2010. In 2011, she was elected to her first term as Ohio State Representative in the Ohio General Assembly. She is a member of the Economic and Small Business Development; Education; Finance and Appropriations; Public Utilities; and Joint Bingo and Skill Based Gaming Committees. Representative Anielski has also opposed legislation that would allow for drilling for oil and natural gas in state parks and other state owned lands.

In addition to her responsibilities as a member of the State House, Representative Anielski is active in her community. She donates much of her time to various national, state, and local organizations including the Small Communities Council of the National League of Cities, the Mayors' and Municipalities Automotive Coalition, the Chambers of Commerce, and Junior Achievement.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Marlene Anielski.

RECOGNIZING MASTER CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER (RET.) JOHN R.
BRINKHEIDE FOR HIS MORE
THAN 20 YEARS OF HONORABLE
SERVICE TO THE U.S. NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and commend Master Chief Petty Officer (Ret.) John Robert Brinkheide, of Dale City, Virginia, for his more than 20 years of honorable and courageous service to the United States Navy, his subsequent 17 years of service supporting the Department of Defense in the private sector, and his continued service to our community. We are fortunate to have among us veterans with MCPO Brinkheide's sense of duty and continued commitment to public service.

MCPO Brinkheide enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962 and completed electronics school the same year. From 1962 to 1964 he served aboard the USS Semmes, a ship he describes as truly unique, tied together by a crew committed to its mission and one another. His service aboard the USS Semmes instilled in him his sense of professionalism and ethics that guided him throughout the entirety of his military and professional career. He attended advanced electronics school in 1965 and then served for three years in Vietnam aboard an in-river LST. After completing his tour in Vietnam, MCPO Brinkheide served aboard the USS America from 1969 to 1976 and was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer. MCPO Brinkheide's last few years at sea were served aboard the USS Nashville as the Electronics Material Officer from 1976 to 1980. MCPO Brinkheide spent his last year with the Navy working on strategic communications for the Naval Electronic Systems Command performing oversight of electronic equipment acquisitions.

After retiring from the Navy in 1981, he began a long career working for a contractor supporting the Department of Defense, specializing in systems acquisitions. Since retiring from the Navy, Mr. Brinkheide has actively

worked to better his community through the Knights of Columbus and served as the Grand Knight of the John Paul I Council of Dale City, Virginia, from 2006 to 2007. MCPO Brinkheide also worked tirelessly for 24 years to help organize and implement the Prince William County Tree Trimming Day of Remembrance, a ceremony held to honor those who died in alcohol and drug-related vehicle crashes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing and thanking John R. Brinkheide for his steadfast and selfless service to our country and for his ongoing contributions to the betterment of our community.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER
POTTER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Jennifer Potter, the President and CEO of the Initiative for Global Development (IGD), on her retirement.

Jennifer joined the group who would found IGD in 2003 with a goal to reduce global poverty through economic growth and investment. Under her leadership as President and CEO, the Seattle-based organization grew from an ambitious idea to a widely recognized international organization. Jennifer has also led IGD's efforts to direct more than \$100 million in investments to the developing world and altered the way governments and businesses engage in these areas. Her recent focus on African communities has opened the door for employment opportunities and increased their access to various markets.

Jennifer's true passion for non-profit work stems from her service in the Peace Corps and experience leading multiple urban planning and development organizations. She has also served on various boards of organizations focused on international policy. Her inspirational drive and vision will be difficult to replace, and her efforts to eliminate world hunger will always be remembered and appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Jennifer Potter on her retirement. I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. NEAL A. YOUNG

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of District of Columbia resident Dr. Neal A. Young, recipient of the 2012 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Science and Environment. These prestigious awards, presented annually by the Partnership for Public Service, honor outstanding achievements by federal employees in nine categories.

Dr. Young is the Chief of the Hematology Branch, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the director of the NIH Center for Human

Immunology, Autoimmunity and Inflammation. His pioneering laboratory and clinical research, together with his clinical practice and mentoring, has saved the lives of thousands of people throughout the world suffering from bone marrow failure syndromes, all while serving as a federal employee. During his federal service, Dr. Young has become the world's foremost expert in the difficult area of bone marrow failure, and the treatment protocols he developed for aplastic anemia are considered best practice. Currently, Dr. Young, who developed methods for testing for the B19 parvovirus, has a vaccine for the virus in clinical trials. He also has dedicated himself to training the next generation of hematology clinicians-researchers, and his students have gone on to lead departments throughout the world. We are particularly pleased and proud that a scientist with Dr. Young's accomplishments is a resident of our city, where his example will especially inspire the budding young scientists among our children.

At a time when many federal employees feel beleaguered, Dr. Young's award puts a face on the term "federal employee." Earlier this year, I introduced H. Res. 682, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives in support of our outstanding federal employees, who are the best educated and most highly qualified broadly based workforce in the country. Dr. Young is a distinguished representative of federal employees at every level, who give their best to their work for the American people. The residents of the District of Columbia, many of whom also are federal employees, join me in congratulating Dr. Young, a distinguished D.C. resident who exemplifies our high quality federal employees and is now honored by our nation as one of our most remarkable scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Dr. Neal Young for his outstanding accomplishments in science and for his continuous commitment to public service.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN (RET.)
THOMAS BOYCE FOR HIS 28
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE U.S.
NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and commend Captain (Ret.) Thomas Boyce of Alexandria, Virginia for his 28 years of honorable service to the United States Navy and for his subsequent 30 of support to the Navy in the private sector. Captain Boyce's long career both in the Navy and in business speaks to his deep patriotism and commitment to protecting our nation. He is a veteran of the wars in both Korea and Vietnam, and his tremendous sacrifice and dedicated service to this country truly merit our highest praise.

CAPT Boyce graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951. After receiving his commission, he served in Korea aboard several minesweeping ships. From 1962 to 1964 he served aboard the USS Semmes, a ship for which he served on the commissioning team and helped oversee the construction. He credits the ship's command with instilling the esprit de corps

needed for the USS Semmes to become one of the most successful missile firing ships in the Navy. From 1964 to 1970, CAPT Boyce served under the Naval Surface Missile System Office while assigned shore duty. During the early 1970s, he served aboard the USS Niagara Falls, a fast combat logistics ship that replenished ports in Vietnam. CAPT Boyce finished his naval career in 1979 at the Naval Air Systems Command.

After retiring, CAPT Boyce began an equally long career working for a naval contractor applying his unique skill set to managing the building of twenty LMSR ships. Used extensively by the Navy, LMSRs have significantly expanded the Navy's sealift capabilities and have been integral to the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. CAPT Boyce recently retired for a second time and is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Barbara, and continuing his work on the board of the USS Semmes DDG-18 Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing and thanking Thomas Boyce for his committed and selfless service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSE JOEL
GARCIA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jose Joel Garcia, who is retiring from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc., a multi-site and multi-service community health center in Southern Alameda County, California. Mr. Garcia has provided exemplary leadership to Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center since August 1992 and has expanded the organization to include a myriad of clinical and social services through multiple facilities.

Prior to his appointment as CEO of Tiburcio Vasquez, Mr. Garcia held academic appointments at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Public Health and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Colorado. Between 1982 and 1993, he helped develop and direct a multidisciplinary bi-national graduate student exchange program known as the University of California-Universidad de Guadalajara "Intercambio Academico."

Mr. Garcia received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a law degree from the Boalt School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. He is an active member of state and federal bars and has published research on health policy, law and administration in the United States and abroad. His professional and social justice contributions have advanced health access through the creation of a local, statewide and national nonprofit health care infrastructure and a focus on strengthening community-based self-governance at health centers.

In recognition of his contributions, Mr. Garcia has received numerous awards. He currently serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Primary Care Association, which he co-founded. He is a Board Member of the Alameda Health Consortium and Community Health Center network. His

past affiliations include directing Centro Legal de La Raza, co-founding the Berkeley Primary Access Clinic, and past Chairperson and Board Member of Eden Medical Center. He served for five years on the Board of Directors of the University of California, Berkeley Alumni Association.

I join Jose Joel Garcia's colleagues, friends and family in applauding his outstanding career in numerous arenas to benefit others. While he is stepping down from his CEO role at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, he will remain affiliated with the organization in some capacity. This is good news as Mr. Garcia has played a major role in shaping health care delivery in Alameda County. We will welcome his continuing leadership skills, talent, intellect, and experience.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2012, I unfortunately missed three votes, which included rollcall numbers 557, 558 and 559.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 557.

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REAUTHORIZING CERTAIN VISA PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3245, which reauthorizes the EB-5 Regional Center Program. S. 3245 is the type of commonsense legislation we need to put Americans back to work and rebuild our Nation's fragile economy. The EB-5 program, which creates jobs at no cost to taxpayers, has already created more than 25,000 jobs, and is projected to create more than 100,000 jobs per year once the program is fully implemented. With unemployment rates just above eight percent, we cannot afford to pass on this opportunity to innovate and invest in America.

It takes a coordinated effort by both government and the private sector to create jobs and rein in high unemployment rates. I am proud to report that the City of Dallas serves as a shining example that the E-B program works. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and the Civitas Capital Group, the City of Dallas Regional Center has attracted more than \$120 million in capital from foreign investors, which has funded projects such as affordable assisted-living facilities and building renovation initiatives.

The Democratic Members of Congress have consistently demonstrated their commitment to creating job opportunities here at home. I am encouraged to see that my Republican colleagues have put partisan politics aside and