

include the following: creating separate Departments of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; providing crime victims the right to be heard during the judicial process, allowing victims to receive financial compensation and establishing the Massachusetts Victim and Witness Assistance Board; creating the Children's Trust Fund, a public-private partnership to create programs to end child abuse; founding the Massachusetts Legislative Children's Caucus; requiring insurance companies to cover Early Intervention benefits for children born with developmental delays; requiring private insurance companies to cover medically necessary autism treatments, including evidence-based behavioral health treatments; fighting against efforts to reduce Medicaid benefits for individuals with mental health and addiction disorders; and filing legislation that allowed Salem State College—my alma mater—to achieve university status.

In addition to his legislative work, Fred is a passionate advocate for children and families who are struggling. In 1982, shortly after he was first elected to the Massachusetts Senate, Fred established the Fred Berry Charitable Fund. Over the next thirty years, he would work tirelessly to raise over \$1 million to benefit children and families in need. As Fred recently told the Boston Globe, "I felt I could use my notoriety to help others. Nonprofits always need money, but never have the time to raise it. . . . To be honest, it hurt fund-raising for my campaigns. People said, 'I already gave to Fred.'" But in his heart, Fred knew it was the right thing to do.

I want to wish Fred and his wife Gayle all of the best. For those of us who know Fred, we anxiously await the next chapter in what has been a remarkable life.

#### RECOGNIZING MOSBY FARMS AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

#### 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 Mosby Farms in Auburn, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the category of Rural Small Business of the Year.

Mosby Farms is a family-owned farming business that began in 1977. The Mosby family has grown conventional and organic foods for decades, while giving back to their community by donating thousands of pounds of food weekly.

The Rural Small Business of the Year award recognizes the achievements of the rural industry. Mosby Farms excels at what they do and represents the King County area proudly.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor and congratulate Mosby Farms as a finalist this year. Rural businesses offer many opportunities for work and promote economic growth in agricultural and rural communities throughout our nation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MICHAEL BORDEN

#### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2012*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress are always far more effective when they find loyal, dedicated staff to fight alongside them. These essential employees provide us with invaluable political advice, propose policy solutions to the problems facing our nation, and often work around the clock to accomplish the most important tasks. One of the staff members on the Financial Services Committee, Michael Borden, has been a valuable asset since he joined us back in 2007. Unfortunately, today is Michael's last day with the Committee; however, his distinguished record of public service will continue to benefit the American people long after he leaves Capitol Hill.

Back in the fall of 2008, the Federal government took unprecedented action to respond to the economic crisis. During this time, Michael provided sound advice to Members of the Committee and kept all of us informed under fast changing circumstances. This was an unprecedented time and Michael was here on weekends and late into the night to help Members prepare for the debate and understand the consequences of their votes.

Michael has a passion for ensuring the right policy is achieved. His commitment and expertise are unmatched on many key issues. On an issue dear to me—shielding children from the scourge of Internet gambling, Michael was integral in efforts to ensure that our kids are protected from becoming addicted to gambling at an early age. Michael also worked to ensure homebuyers are protected during the most important financial transaction of their lives with the SAFE Act, which ensures that mortgage originators are honest and fair with their customers. Michael worked to help Republican Members devise a strategy to wind down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac after they received the biggest taxpayer-funded bailout of them all, and to develop legislative solutions to protect taxpayers from further losses. While we didn't always have the votes for the policy solutions we wanted, I received the sound advice I needed from a trusted member of my team, and I will always be grateful for his service.

Michael has been a trusted and valued adviser to both experienced and new House Members, and a mentor to countless members of our staff. His sound advice, counsel and acerbic sense of humor will be sorely missed. He never sugar-coated anything (his blunt nature and his waistline wouldn't tolerate it) and always gave us his honest opinion on what action we should take, even if it's not what we wanted to hear. There is no doubt that American taxpayers, consumers, and other stakeholders have been well-served by Michael's commitment to sound public policy.

It is with appreciation and gratitude that I take this opportunity to permanently commemorate Michael's service to our committee Members and to our nation.

#### RESTORING THE DOCTORS OF OUR COUNTRY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS ACT OF 2012

#### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2012*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, of all of the challenges facing our nation's health-care system, perhaps the most neglected is the gaping hole in our workforce of primary-care physicians. One estimate projects a shortage of 45,000 primary-care doctors by 2020. Due to the retirement of a generation of physicians, the aging of our population, and the entry into the system of some 30 million newly insured thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we do not have enough primary-care doctors to meet the demand, and the problem will continue to worsen without a major initiative to produce new doctors.

Primary-care doctors are the front lines of our physician workforce. Under the right conditions, they oversee and coordinate health care for their patients. They educate patients on how to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions. They are the medical generalists who establish long-lasting bonds with patients throughout their lives. Proper primary care is also one of the keys to containing health-care costs. On the other hand, inadequate primary care leads to neglected and mismanaged conditions, which causes costly emergencies and illnesses downstream.

I am introducing the RDOCS Act to help solve this problem. Modeled after the successful ROTC program, RDOCS offers full scholarships to medical students in exchange for a 5-year service commitment in a medically underserved area. RDOCS will be administered by the states, which will send RDOCS scholars to their state-operated medical schools. RDOCS officers (as they are known after graduation) will then become licensed and serve as primary-care doctors in their state of residence. The program is authorized to start immediately and begin graduating its first additional 4,000 new primary-care doctors in 2020, and 20,000 new doctors by 2024.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we are going to get close to universal health coverage in the United States. But universal coverage will not be meaningful if we don't have enough doctors to serve our population. I am optimistic that Congress can demonstrate leadership in restoring our doctor workforce for the next generation.

#### HONORING SPECTRUM LGBTQ CENTER

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spectrum LGBT Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Located in Marin County, CA, Spectrum has been a leader and an integral part of the community for three decades.

With a mission "to promote acceptance, understanding, and full inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people," Spectrum

has engaged in mobilizing and advocating for people who are LGBTQ, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning, and their friends, families, and supporters.

Founded by the Reverend Jane Spahr in 1982 as a support program for LGBT youth in Marin, Spectrum has grown under the leadership of current director Paula Pilecki. The agency now provides programs for seniors, counseling, advocacy, training, and public awareness and coordinates with organizations around the North Bay. This year, it launched the Spectrum LGBT Equality Pledge for businesses and professional organizations that want to show their support.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to organizations like Spectrum LGBT Center, we have seen progress over the last 30 years in rights for LGBTQ individuals. There is still much work to do, and we will continue to rely on Spectrum until full equality is achieved. Congratulations to Paula Pilecki and the staff at Spectrum on their 30th anniversary.

#### HONORING ALBERT PERISHO

#### HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Albert Perisho, who passed away at home peacefully on August 2012. Albert was born September 9, 1931 in Long Beach, California. Al graduated from Banning High School in 1949 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to serve in the Korean conflict. He met the love of his life, Myrt Van Meter, while working in Long Beach. Al and Myrt were married 59 years. In 1954, he became a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. He served there until he retired in 1994. He was elected for 4 terms as President for Local 63 and 2 1/2 terms as Secretary Treasurer.

While retired, he stayed active with the Southern California Pensioners Club and served as President. Al was recognized as Man of the Year by the City of Los Alamitos, the Los Angeles Long Beach Harbor, and the ILWU Southern California Pensioners Club. He was also a volunteer with the Red Cross disaster relief.

Al loved fishing in the High Sierras and had a great sense of humor. He was the kind of friend everyone wanted. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his wife, Myrt; daughter, Cheri Phillips; son in law, Bill Phillips; son, Terry Perisho; daughter in law, Candy Perisho; son, Jack Perisho; daughter in law, Vanetta Perisho; grandchildren, Shaun, Christy, Jake, and Jacquie; and his brother, Tom Harvey. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

#### RECOGNIZING NESBY AND ASSOCIATES AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

#### 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 Nesby and As-

sociates in Renton, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the Minority Small Business of the Year category.

Nesby and Associates is a development consulting firm that encourages consumers and companies to invest in diverse markets. The company succeeds by having a large clientele, ranging from the local to the national levels.

The Minority Small Business of the Year award is only presented to extraordinary minority-owned businesses that have shown significant growth and contributions to the King County community. Currently, 13 percent of the businesses in the King County region are minority-owned and Nesby and Associates and many others make tremendous contributions to the region's economic strength.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Nesby and Associates. The firm proudly represents the growing numbers of minority-owned businesses in our community and throughout our nation.

#### HONORING MIKE OGLE, DEDICATED SERVANT TO EASTERN WASHINGTON'S VETERANS

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Ogle, a dedicated servant who spent countless hours assisting our Eastern Washington veterans at the

While America's service members and veterans have answered the call of duty and have served with dignity and honor, similarly Mike Ogle answered the call of duty to serve our veterans in Eastern Washington. A twenty-four year Air Force veteran, while working at the Spokane Veterans Outreach Center, Mike dutifully helped veterans by providing outreach, counseling, and resource referral.

However, his story goes beyond simply wanting to help Eastern Washington's veterans. Serving in the Air Force, Mike spent a great deal of time in the Middle East and was deployed for a combined total of nearly eight years. This experience enabled Mike to be one of the best advocates for veterans in Eastern Washington. Quite simply: Mike spoke their language and whenever he interacted with a veteran, the veteran knew that they had found a friend.

Working at the Spokane Veteran Outreach Center, Mike Ogle spent most of his days traveling in a custom-fitted RV called the Mobile Vet Center. Through the Mobile Vet Center, Mike spoke to Eastern Washington's veterans about housing, medical care, and employment opportunities. In addition, Mike diligently took time to generate a constructive game plan with each veteran he saw. More importantly, Mike made a point to follow up with each and every veteran that he met.

So today, I am thankful for Mike Ogle's selfless, energetic dedication to our veterans in Eastern Washington.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF WESTON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the City of Weston, Missouri, as the residents celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of their community.

Weston was a mid-nineteenth century Missouri River port community, the second largest port on the river, second only to St. Louis. In 1850, over 300 steamboats a year docked at the Port of Weston. The population soared to 5,000, surpassing both Kansas City and St. Joseph. Floods, fires, and the Civil War contributed to a decline in population, but not in spirit. In 1972, a major portion of the early town was designated an Historic District and placed on the National Register of Historic Places having retained a substantial portion of its early residences and commercial structures. Weston is a gem in the 6th Congressional District featuring antebellum homes, museums, walking tours, and a historic shopping district. Many of the antique, home furnishing, gift shops and restaurants are located in buildings built prior to the Civil War.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in celebrating with the City of Weston during their 175th anniversary festivities.

#### CELEBRATING GONZAGA UNIVERSITY 125TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this nationally-recognized institution of higher learning.

In 1881, Father Joseph Cataldo, S.J., a Jesuit from the Rocky Mountain Mission, decided to establish a school for boys along the banks of the Spokane River. With \$936 in silver dollars, Father Cataldo purchased 320 acres of land. Six years later, on September 17, 1887, Gonzaga College officially opened its doors serving 18 students.

For the last 125 years, Gonzaga University has transformed itself to meet the educational needs of an expanding region. First in 1912, the School of Law was established to meet the Inland Northwest's legal demands. Then in 1921, the School of Business was formed to help bolster commerce with skilled business leaders. Seven years later the School of Education opened its doors to prepare teachers to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community. In 1934, when hydroelectricity was being developed as a new regional power source and engineers were needed to build dams, Gonzaga established a School of Engineering. And in 1975, the School of Professional Studies was created to educate health care professionals and prepare community leaders for the demands of the next century.

Today, Gonzaga University is one of our nation's premier institutions of higher learning,