

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREEK AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL WOMEN AND ITS WOMAN OF THE YEAR, LOULA LOI ALAFOYIANNIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Association of Greek American Professional Women. In March 2011, it honored my good friend, Loula Loi Alafoyiannis, as its Woman of the Year at an awards ceremony held on International Women's Day. In a fitting tribute, it is presenting a scholarship to an outstanding female student of Hellenic descent in Loula's name.

Founded in New York, the Association of Greek American Professional Women (AGAPW) is an independent non-profit organization that provides a forum for American women of Hellenic descent working in various professions and businesses. It is a clearinghouse for information, resources, support and networking opportunities, and helps to expand career opportunities and advance Greek-American professional women by forging partnerships and establishing symbiotic relationships with other organizations within and outside the Greek-American community. In so doing, AGAPW plays an important supportive role for Hellenic American women who seek to work and improve their quality of life in the U.S., Greece, Cyprus, and around the world.

Loula Loi Alafoyiannis is a remarkable leader whom I am proud to call my friend. She is the Founder, Global President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Euro-American Women's Council (EAWC), which since 1996 has helped forge ties between entrepreneurs in Europe and America and advance women's rights and opportunities in the worlds of business and education.

Loula Loi Alafoyiannis is widely admired in the world of business and government for her strategic acumen and wise counsel. She provided training to prospective start-up business proprietors in Azerbaijan and was honored with IBM's prestigious Crown Award for women entrepreneurs. She served as a trusted advisor to me and to many distinguished public servants, including former Congressman Joseph Kennedy of Massachusetts, former New York Governor Mario Cuomo, U.S. Senators Hillary Clinton and Paul Sarbanes, and others. In addition, she is a noted public speaker who has delivered lectures before the National Foundation for Women Legislators and other distinguished audiences in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to founding the Euro-American Women's Council, Loula served as Vice President of the United States Hellenic American National Council, which she co-founded with her husband, John. It helps to build bridges between Greek and American entrepreneurs and to advance women's opportunities in business and education.

Loula is also a dedicated philanthropist and humanitarian who has devoted herself to serving others through many worthwhile causes. She sits on the Human Rights Advisory Council of New York, volunteers with the Daughters of Roumeli and the Hermes Athletic Club in New York, and was named Woman of the

Year by the Boys Club of Queens. For her tireless humanitarian efforts, she was honored by the Asociacion Mexicana de Mujeres Jefas de Empresa. In particular, Loula has devoted herself throughout her life to assisting those affected by cancer and other serious illnesses, especially low-income children from Greece.

Despite her busy career, Loula has remained focused on her beloved family. She is deeply devoted to her husband John, their daughter Rania, son Konstantine, daughter-in-law Nina, son John-Nicholas, Jr., daughter-in-law Nadia, and her "crown jewels", her grandchildren Aristotle, Konstantine John, and Isabella-Rania.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Association of Greek American Professional Women and its 2011 Woman of the Year, Loula Loi Alafoyiannis.

HONOR FLIGHT COLORADO'S EIGHTH FLIGHT

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Honor Flight Northern Colorado's eighth flight to Washington, D.C. bringing Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to see their memorials. On behalf of a grateful delegation, state, and country, we welcome these heroes.

The 122 Veterans on this flight include 48 from the Korean conflict, and 8 Purple Heart recipients from the Vietnam War. The Honor Flight program, founded in 2005, was intended to first honor all WWII Veterans that could make the trips, but then to afford the same to those from the Korea and Vietnam eras. We are, this day, honoring those Veterans from Korea (the Forgotten War) and Vietnam, our longest conflict in modern times, as they get to see their memorials. These trips are provided to our Veterans at no cost to them or their families.

The fact that these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen would uproot themselves from their homes and families and put themselves in harm's way for our country is very humbling. The sacrifices they—and the families they left behind—made are truly incredible. The debt of gratitude we owe them can never be repaid, for without their honor, courage, commitment, and above all—sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Please join me in thanking Charles Agnew, Lewis Ashcraft, Robert Barnard, Eugene Bonkiewicz, Carson Bright, Frank Brown, Wayne Bullock, William Castor, Lowell Dart, Donald Draxler, Robert Duntsch, Jose Duran, Joseph Edwards, George Emerick, Jack Endacott, Marvin Fowler, Robert Gillham, Warren Garst, Joseph Graham, William Hampton, Walter Hayward, Roland Kaiser, Willis Kramer, Victor Lazar, David Leon, Verne Lewellen, Harry Livingston, Mary Livingston, Gilbert Lopez, Russell Mam, W. Dennis McHenry, Raymond Mega, Gerald Monroe, Donald Morrison, Bernard Nettesheim, Reynolds Olson, Homer Phillips Jr., Richard Porter, Marion Raines, James Rauenbuehler, Frederick Reck, Gilbert Rohde, Walter Sapp, Henry Schmitt

Jr., John Shedd, Alan Schultes, Bill Shupe, Waldo Smith, Charles Smoot, Fredrick Stein, William Stromberg Sr., Gene Thorson, Clyde Treadway, Theodore Wahler, Arthur Wartburg, Crowell Werner, James White, Robert Williams, Evans Woodhouse, Darryl Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Donald Armagost, James Ball, Eugene Ball, Harry Ball, Leslie Brumley, Orlis Charboneau, Dale Crist, Robert Cupp, Timothy Daley, Bobbie Desmond, Edward Eson, Clarence Ehrlich, Alvin Eurich, Francis Fleming Jr., James Flynn, Leslie Fraley Jr., George Frysinger III, Richard Gero, John Goad, Virgil Hanson, Roman Hermann, John Hess, Billy Hettinger, Donald Hoffner, Marguerite Ingram, Robert Kramer, Robert Kruger, Lindy Leifheit, Chester McCoy, Chester McGuire, William Miller, Raymond Nuss, James Ochsner, Louis Peterson, Marshall Petring, Arnold Piel, Wayne Pimple, Richard Reagan, Gerald Rice, Harry Rieger, Edward Roebuck, Gerald Ross, Alan Seaman, Dick Sears, Joseph Sellers, William Shirey, Norris Slechts, Robert Stanley, Elizabeth Strahan, Clarence Strahan Jr., William Striffler, Darrell Viegut, Sam Warner, Doyle Biggs, Paul Delgado, Edward Fast, Dennis Henneberg, Donald Hess, Daniel Menzies, Jack Roberts, Steven White, Irvin Tregoning, Jimmie Tregoning and Merrill Tregoning for their dedication, commitment, and service to this great nation.

JOY PINNIGER'S RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize Jennifer Joy Pinniger on the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA). Ever since Joy joined the National Stone Association sixteen years ago, she has been an advocate of the 107,800 men and women in the aggregates industry workforce.

She has focused NSSGA's advocacy on those issues with the most potential impact on the industry, always aware that the most effective advocates are those members of NSSGA who work every day to produce the construction materials essential to the built environment.

She has dedicated herself to educating Members of Congress and the public alike about the importance of the aggregates—or the stone, sand and gravel industry—not only to the Country as a whole, but to our individual lives.

About 10 tons of aggregates per person are used annually in America—everything from glass to cleaning products to pharmaceuticals, toothpaste, and so much more. Every mile of interstate contains 38,000 tons of aggregates and about 400 tons of aggregates are used in construction of the average home.

Joy led NSSGA's advocacy for the successful passage of the last two surface transportation authorization bills—SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21.

She worked closely with coalition partners in the Transportation Construction Coalition and the Americans for Transportation Mobility. She realized early on that involvement of the public—those affected by the need to get to and

from jobs on a daily basis, to take parents to the doctor, to attend children's soccer games; in reality all of us—was critical to success in moving surface transportation legislation forward. Joy worked tirelessly facilitating NSSGA member contacts with community leaders and lawmakers to build momentum for this often overlooked national priority.

Her leadership extended well beyond transportation to those regulatory issues affecting the aggregates industry. She championed the industry in meetings with administrative regulatory agencies, always intent on finding solutions that were right for both the aggregates industry and America. Most importantly, Joy always emphasized the industry's ethics and credibility through NSSGA member company commitments to safety and health resulting in 11 years of record-breaking achievements.

Joy's policy, management and motivational strength has helped NSSGA members reinforce message and guide relation bridges to fend off unjustified regulations like tightened standards for "farm dust," and legislation that does not accurately distinguish aggregates operations from others.

I salute Joy Pinniger on her tenure at the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association which she led with distinction and integrity. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her the very best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF OHIO SENATOR NINA TURNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator Nina Turner of Ohio's 25th Senate District.

Senator Turner began her political career as a legislative aide in the Ohio Senate, followed by her tenure on the administration of former Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White. After working in the Mayor's office, she went on to advocate for city school children as Director of Government Affairs for the Cleveland Municipal School District. She was later elected as the first woman to represent Ward 1 in Cleveland's City Council.

While serving in Ohio's 25th Senate District, Senator Turner has served as Senate Minority Whip and Ranking Member of the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. She is a board member of the Great Lakes Science Center, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, and the Cleveland Police Foundation. Senator Turner has also been recognized three years in row by Inside Business Magazine as one of the "Power 100: Northeast Ohio's Most Influential People."

A first generation college graduate, Senator Turner stresses the importance of hard work and education. She not only supports education through legislation, she also serves as a professor of history at Cuyahoga Community College and a mentor to students and young people throughout the Greater Cleveland area.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Ohio Senator Nina Turner.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROY T. CAMPBELL, JR.

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today to recognize Mr. Roy T. Campbell, Jr. of Tennessee's First District, who has been named 2012 Citizen of the Year by Senior Citizen Home Assistance for his longstanding dedication and service to Cocke County. For those unfamiliar with Senior Citizen Home Assistance, this is an organization that provides services to seniors and enables them to live at home. Once a year they recognize an exemplary individual and honor their achievements. Through his work as a lawyer and volunteer, Roy has made many selfless contributions to his community.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Law, Roy has endeavored to help the citizens of Cocke County throughout his career. In addition to more than 61 years of practicing law, he has been involved in many civic, church, and community groups. He is a founding member of the Industrial Development Board of Cocke County, which has attracted businesses and jobs to the region. He has also been an enthusiastic supporter of higher education in East Tennessee with generous gifts to the University of Tennessee, UT School of Law, and East Tennessee State University.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Roy for his selfless contributions to Cocke County and wish him the best as he continues to exemplify the Volunteer spirit.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) on its 40th anniversary and recognize this extraordinary university whose graduates serve our nation by caring for those in harm's way. I am honored that USU is located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Graduates of USU, which is based in Bethesda, Maryland, provide front-line care for our troops in Afghanistan and around the globe, aboard ships and airplanes equipped as state-of-the-art hospitals/emergency rooms and in public health facilities throughout our nation. These outstanding women and men are educated at USU in medicine, graduate nursing, dentistry, clinical psychology and biomedical research.

Over the past ten years, USU alumni have been routinely deployed in combat zones. They have established forward hospitals and have advanced battlefield medicine in ways not even envisioned only one decade ago. They have saved lives and worked to help restore wounded heroes' health. They have advanced basic research to address traumatic

brain injury, amputations, post-traumatic stress, and treatment for infectious diseases, and have worked under harsh and austere conditions to provide the highest quality health care possible.

USU was established by an Act of Congress in 1972. Since then, it has graduated nearly 5,000 physicians along with hundreds who have received degrees in biomedical sciences in the School of Medicine and graduate level nursing in the Graduate School of Nursing. Recently, USU expanded to include a Post-graduate Dental College.

Charles Rice, MD, President of USU, describes USU as follows:

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is a center of excellence for military and public health education and research. USU's programs are unique, as are our dedicated faculty, staff and students. The university benefits tremendously from its extraordinary alumni who return to teach, conduct research and guide others in clinical care. These devoted professionals bring a wealth of experience gained in military treatment facilities throughout the U.S. and around the world, as well as in combat, on ships, in airborne intensive care units, amid natural disasters and among a multitude of cultures.

Since 1980, when USU's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine graduated its first class, the school has produced talented and dedicated physicians and leaders who serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service. They include the following distinguished alumni:

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis, U.S. Air Force, class of 1986, who in July 2012, took over as the 21st Surgeon General of the United States Air Force.

Rear Admiral (Dr.) Michael Anderson, U.S. Navy, class of 1983, who is proudly serving as the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, overseeing the health care of more than 200,000 active duty Marines and their families.

Rear Admiral (Dr.) Sarah Linde-Feucht, U.S. Public Health Service, class of 1992, a board-certified family physician who is also the Chief Public Health Officer for the Health Resources Services Administration, where she is a member of the executive leadership team and senior policy advisor to the HRSA Administrator.

Col. (Dr.) Paul Pasquina, U.S. Army, class of 1991, who heads the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Service at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, and is responsible for ensuring that the many U.S. service members returning from combat with often debilitating physical and mental injuries are receiving the best care possible. These include soldiers like Army Col. Gregory Gadson, who lost both legs in Iraq, but with Col. Pasquina as his doctor, became the first recipient of the prosthetic "power knees" and remains on active duty as the new commander of Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

USU has also awarded nearly 1,300 degrees in the biomedical sciences to individuals who advance the science that underlies our ability to treat and protect against infectious diseases and other maladies affecting humankind. Distinguished alumni include the following:

Dr. Katherine Bossart, a 2003 Ph.D. graduate in Emerging Infectious Diseases now at Boston University, developed the first treatment (antibody) and first vaccine against two deadly viruses, Nipah and Hendra, that could