

Gary began his long career as a columnist in 1970 while still working at the Lindsey Wildlife Museum. During his thirteen year tenure as curator of the museum, he established one of the Nation's first wildlife rescue programs, tending to injured wildlife and raising a wide variety of orphaned animals. In 1982, Gary signed on as a full-time writer with the Contra Costa Times, using the skills and knowledge he gained as a curator to share his expertise on wildlife and domestic animals with the public in his own daily column.

As a prominent voice for preserving and protecting the environment in our region, Gary has left a lasting impact on our community. In 1990, when Oakland Athletics manager and animal-lover Tony La Russa realized that there was not a single "no-kill" shelter for animals in the area, he called on Gary for help. Together they cemented the idea that a non-profit shelter was urgently needed. A year later La Russa launched his Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), which has helped countless homeless and unwanted pets to find permanent homes. Through his column, Gary has also spread awareness about the importance of preserving our natural land and has been a valued partner with such organizations as Save Mount Diablo and the Muir Heritage Land Trust in advocating the preservation of open space in the East Bay.

Over the years, Gary's work has been widely recognized throughout the Bay Area as his writing was picked up by the Oakland Tribune, San Mateo County Times, and the San Jose Mercury News. He has also written five books that have connected with environmentalists and wildlife advocates worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Gary Bogue for his committed and diligent service to the community, our natural environment and the wildlife whose space we share on this planet. I am pleased to join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating Gary on an outstanding career and wish him the very best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Taiwan on its 101st National Day, which will occur on October 10th, 2012. As a member of the Taiwan Caucus, I recognize the importance of continuing to cultivate a strong relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan share a strong commitment to freedom. As a beacon of democracy for Southeast Asia and the rest of the world, Taiwan and its 23 million people enjoy self-governance, free elections, and the protection of individual rights. The policies pursued by President Ma Ying-jeou have made Taiwan a strong ally to the United States in these turbulent times.

Taiwan also is a strong business partner for the United States. It is our tenth largest trading partner and the sixth largest market for United States agriculture exports. Georgia and Taiwan also have strong business ties. Taiwan is Georgia's thirteenth largest export market,

grossing \$68 million in profit for Georgia last year alone. Taiwan imports chemicals, automobiles, and, of course, Coca-Colas. Taiwan is also a leading innovator and producer of information technology and knowledge-based industries.

The United States has supported Taiwan's transformation to a vibrant democracy. It should be congratulated for its 101 years of freedom and prosperity. It continues to be a model of democracy for Southeast Asia and countries all over the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Taiwan on its 101st National Day. I am confident that the friendship and close relationship that has been cultivated by the United States and Taiwan will continue for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO C. KEVIN GILLESPIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor C. Kevin Gillespie. Father Gillespie will be inaugurated as the 27th president of Saint Joseph's University on Friday, October 12, 2012.

A native of West Philadelphia, Father Gillespie attended St. Margaret's Grade School in Narberth, Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, and then Saint Joseph's College in Philadelphia. After earning his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972, Father Gillespie went on to earn master's degrees in psychology from Duquesne University and in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley. He holds a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University.

Father Gillespie entered the Society of Jesus in 1975 and later served at Loyola College in Maryland where he became the first director of the master's program in Spiritual and Pastoral Care. There he also founded LOGOS, Loyola Overseas Gestures of Solidarity.

Most recently, Father Gillespie was the associate provost for University Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago where he lead five academic centers and in 2011, simultaneously served as interim dean of the School of Social Work.

Father Gillespie credits his St. Joseph's education for preparing him to meet the critical issues he faces every day. He has served on the Board of Saint Joseph's since 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring C. Kevin Gillespie for his years of service and congratulate him on his new journey as president of Saint Joseph's University.

IN HONOR OF OHIO SENATOR MICHAEL J. SKINDELL

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 Michael J. Skindell of Ohio's 23rd Senate District.

Senator Skindell graduated cum laude with a B.A. in business and political science from Walsh College before earning his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Upon graduation, he served under Attorney General Anthony J. Celebrezze as an Assistant Attorney General. After providing legal representation to the Director of Health, serving as a hearing officer for the Ohio department of Health, and beginning his own practice, Senator Skindell turned to public service, becoming a councilman for Lakewood from 1998 to 2002. He was then elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for Ohio's 13th House district where he served four terms until being elected to the Ohio Senate.

Throughout his career, the Senator has been known to advocate for protections for the consumer, more affordable prescription drug coverage, protecting the environment, providing opportunities for working class and poor families, universal health care and developing Ohio's renewable energy resources. Currently, he serves on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Democratic Club, and Cuyahoga Democratic Party.

Senator Skindell has been recognized as Environmental Legislator of the Year in 2004, Legislative Champion of Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Voices for Ohio Children, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2007.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Senator Michael J. Skindell.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARCIA GOLDSTONE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my gratitude to Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her considerable achievements over the past 35-years with the Jewish Community Relations Council. Her vision, leadership and tireless devotion to promoting social justice and interfaith dialogue has strengthened and enriched the 71h District of Indiana in countless ways.

As the long-serving Executive Director of the JCRC, Dr. Goldstone created and led dozens of issue-based coalitions made up of exemplary business and religious leaders, educators, and philanthropists to foster a welcoming and secure environment for our growing Jewish community. I applaud the JCRC for its embrace of the ancient tradition of tzedakah, the Hebrew word for charity, by assisting Jewish families who have fallen on hard times, assisting Soviet Jewry to integrate into American society, and promoting a deeper understanding amongst peoples of faith throughout Central Indiana.

Dr. Goldstone's influence and passion for fighting injustice and promoting tolerance extends beyond Central Indiana. Her persistent efforts as part of a broad coalition of religious and secular organizations encouraged the Reagan Administration and Congressional leaders to call for the end of Apartheid in South Africa and release of Nelson Mandela. These efforts have earned her numerous

awards and accolades, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her outstanding service to the City of Indianapolis. Her retirement from the JCRC closes a chapter on an impressive career. She has been an extraordinary friend and adviser both to me and to my grandmother, the late Congresswoman Julia Carson. I wish her the very best and look forward to working with the JCRC of Indianapolis for many years to come.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AT THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to celebrate the Rochester Institute of Technology's 100th year of Cooperative Education. I am joined by the Honorable KATHY HOCHUL and the Honorable TOM REED as we congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). RIT is home to our nation's fourth oldest established Cooperative Education Program. Cooperative Education provides students with the opportunity to enrich their traditional higher education experience by alternating periods of full-time study with periods of full-time, for credit, paid employment appropriate to their educational and career goals. It is a true testament to the progressiveness of Rochester region to be home to this longstanding educational program.

Established in 1912, RIT's Cooperative Education has grown to be nationally recognized as one of the nation's top programs by U.S. News and World Report and the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services. RIT offers one of the largest programs in the world with more than 3,800 students completing nearly 5,800 quarterly work assignments with more than 2,000 employer partners throughout the U.S. and in 40 other countries around the world each year.

In the Cooperative Education program, RIT encourages students to explore their interests through hands-on experience while they are still working towards their degree. By providing students with the opportunity to experience their field of interest outside the classroom, RIT's graduates are better equipped to enter full-time jobs and thrive.

Cooperative Education is a required component in several of RIT's colleges including the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, The Saunders College of Business, and the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Through Cooperative Education programs, our universities ensure that American students are trained in best practices and have in-depth knowledge of the cutting edge technologies of today's global world. RIT's program and others like it are crucial to ensuring that the next generation of American professionals can compete and win in a globalized world.

Through the support of RIT faculty and administration, countless students have expanded their knowledge and skills in the Co-

operative Education program. They've been exposed to unique experiences and unparalleled knowledge that has prepared them for successful careers. For one hundred years, RIT has dedicated itself to providing these unique learning opportunities, and helped to prepare America's next generation for years of success to come.

Today I stand with Representatives HOCHUL and REED to congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology on its 100th anniversary of enriching countless students through Cooperative Education. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE FRANCO AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franco American War Veterans (FAWV) on their 80th Anniversary, and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine on their 25th Anniversary.

In early 1932, veterans of World War I began meeting in Massachusetts to establish a veteran's organization for veterans of French descent. They gathered signatures and were granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the succeeding years, posts were formed around Massachusetts, and quickly expanded to Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine.

This year, Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Post 31 is an integral part of the Lewiston/Auburn community. Members of the Post have served as national officers in FAWV, and as leaders in the community. Among their many accomplishments, members of Post 31, through their work on the L/A Veterans' Council, helped establish and maintain the Veterans' Park in Lewiston and helped convince the Department of Veterans' Affairs to locate its new community based outpatient clinic in Lewiston. In addition, the Post 31 Color Guard participates in many ceremonies each year, and their presence helps enhance the ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Franco American War Veterans on their 80th Anniversary and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine, on their 25th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF ECOWATCH

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 EcoWatch, a non-profit organization that focuses exclusively on news from the grassroots environmentalist movement.

Founded in 2006 by Stefanie Penn Spear, EcoWatch is a Cleveland-based non-profit organization dedicated to uniting the voice of the grassroots environmental movement on their website, EcoWatch.org. The EcoWatch website is a dedicated and neutral platform for nearly 1,000 grassroots environmental organizations that helps transform the ability of indi-

viduals to learn about environmental issues and take action. This news service provides timely access to relevant information that motivates individuals to become engaged in their community, adopt sustainable practices and support strong environmental policy.

In addition to the website, EcoWatch's Next Generation program encourages students to be good stewards of the planet by providing free copies of the EcoWatch Journal to teachers of grades 6-12.

On Friday, September 14, 2012, EcoWatch will be celebrating its Fourth Annual Green Gala at Cleveland, Ohio's Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The event will feature the Blue Sky Riders, which is comprised of musicians Kenny Loggins, Georgia Middleman and Gary Burr.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing EcoWatch, a group dedicated to uniting and giving a voice to grassroots environmentalists.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND DOCTOR WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD, SR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Reverend Doctor Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. a minister, dedicated community activist, veteran, civil servant, compassionate role model, and a member of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am deeply honored to represent. Doctor Hartsfield was born in Atlanta, GA and at an early age the family moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he received his element. and secondary education, graduating from Stanton High School.

After a three-year tour of duty in the United States Armed Services, he entered Clark College in Atlanta, GA and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with minors in Religion and Psychology. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in his Junior and Senior Years. In September 1954 he entered Gammon Theological Seminary from which he graduated with Degrees of Bachelor and Masters of Divinity.

Dr. Hartsfield has held pastorates in Pickens, SC; Brunswick, GA Bartow, FL; Kansas City, MO; and Wichita, KS. Upon the request of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO, Dr. Hartsfield returned to assume the pastorate for the second time in 1972 and served until December of 2007 as Senior Pastor. He retired having served 41 years as Pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Doctor Hartsfield now holds the title of Pastor Emeritus, and his son, Wallace II, was appointed Senior Pastor.

This week, Dr. Hartsfield is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri and the nation. Because of his sage understanding of the ills and gifts of the people in the urban core, he is frequently called the "Godfather" of the African-Ameitan community.