

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.

He is the Vice President-at-Large of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Past President of the General Baptist State Convention of MO/KS/NE; Past Chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and current Board Member of the Congress of National Black Churches. He has served as a Commissioner of Highway and Transportation for the State of Missouri and to the Municipal Judicial Commission for Jackson County. He also serves as an Executive Board member of the Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation.

Dr. Hartsfield is highly sought after by national, state, and local public servants as an advisor because of the fellowship he has among black leaders and clergy. He also is in much demand as a guest speaker in many areas nationally. He has served as adjunct Professor and guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities across the nation. Dr. Hartsfield has served and currently serves on several Boards of Directors for various colleges and organizations. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In January 2008, I was proud to introduce a bill in Congress to rename the Parkway Post Office in my Kansas City district to the Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. Post Office.

He is married to the former Matilda Hopkins of Brunswick, GA. He and Mrs. Hartsfield are the parents of four children, Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield, II. They are the proud grandparents of seven and great-grand parents of five.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to welcome and congratulate Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. on his induction into the 2012 Missouri Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Reverend Doctor Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. and his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community and the nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work he has done, it is a heartfelt gesture, taking strength from the many lives he has touched in our hometown.

HONORING HERBERT HOROWITZ

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor, Mr. Herbert Horowitz of Sarasota, FL. Herb was born in Brooklyn, New York; his family moved to Fall River, Massachusetts. Herb entered the Army in 1941 and was honorable discharged in 1945. He is a World War II veteran who served in the European theater. After serving his country, Herb returned home and began a civilian life. Upon his discharge, he went into the manufacturing of Men's Clothing.

Married now for seventy years to his wife, Isabelle, they raised three children (David, Robert & Debra). They talk proudly of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Herb was active in various local religious and community

organizations. Retiring to Sarasota with his wife Isabelle in 1984, Herb has been active in his synagogue, Temple Sinai, and is now a respected elder member.

Herb still works out at the Sarasota Family YMCA, Evalyn Sadlier Jones Branch. Executive Director, Ben Pinegar, has said "Herb continues to be an inspiration to our senior members with his cheerful and positive outlook. His conscientious workout routine and his helpful attitude to other members is to be admired. He is also considered to be a mentor to some of our younger Y members. Herb helps to make our Y a family."

Herb will be ninety-five years young on November 17, 2012. I congratulate him and wish him many more happy birthdays. With Veteran's Day approaching, I thank all of our veterans, of which Herb is an example. I thank our veterans for not only their service to our country, but also for what they have contributed to their communities.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK J. O'REILLY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, United States Army and Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

Lieutenant General O'Reilly will be retiring from the United States Army after 38 years of honorable and faithful service to the United States of America: four years as a cadet at West Point, and for 34 years as a Commissioned Officer. His service to this great nation spans nearly four decades that witnessed dramatic changes to the strategic national security landscape, organizational structure of the United States Army, and military services.

From humble beginnings growing up in Richland, Texas, to working long hot summers as a teenager on his mother's family farm in Davey, Nebraska, General O'Reilly recognized and believed that service to country was not only an obligation, but a calling. He entered West Point in 1974, at a time when many Americans shunned military service and military values as the United States exited the Vietnam War.

He started his commissioned Army career as a Maintenance Officer; he later served as an Ordnance Officer and a Physics Instructor at West Point. He then transitioned to the Army Acquisition Corps where his contributions and leadership have strengthened the security of the United States, our friends, allies, and international partners. Like all distinguished military careers, General O'Reilly has served in many assignments, including joint assignments that culminated with his service as the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

General O'Reilly helped make missile defense a reality. He served as the Project Manager for the Directed Energy Directorate and as Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense Missile Project of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, which later became the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. He also served as the Product Manager for the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 Program. His outstanding work as an acquisi-

tion specialist and his engineering expertise earned him a career assignment as the Executive Officer to the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Army, the Joint Staff, and the nation recognized his talent and expertise and appointed him to be the Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system in 1999. The Army later assigned him to be the Program Executive Officer for the Combat Support/Combat Service Support Program to provide Up-Armored vehicles to combat troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He returned to the Missile Defense Agency in 2005 and served as the Program Manager for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system (GMD). In this role, General O'Reilly oversaw the development and acquisition of one of the most important weapon systems in the history of the United States, one designed to defend the homeland against long-range ballistic missile attacks. General O'Reilly was instrumental in successfully advancing the program following a challenging period. During his tenure as Program Manager, the Missile Defense Agency conducted the first successful flight test of the operationally configured Ground-Based Interceptor, and executed the first successful intercept flight test of the GMD system.

General O'Reilly's work as the GMD Program manager directly contributed to the fielding of the nation's first limited defense capability, the operational Ground-based Midcourse Defense System that was part of the initial Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This was the first ever deployed system to protect the United States homeland against a limited ICBM attack. His achievements and technical missile defense knowledge were well recognized by civilian and military leadership, and as a result, he was assigned in January 2007 to be the Missile Defense Agency's Deputy Director. Just a little over a year later, following his elevation to Deputy Director, the Department of Defense hand-picked General O'Reilly to be promoted to Lieutenant General. He was then nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate to become the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

As the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, General O'Reilly successfully applied his insightful and decisive leadership to a series of national and international challenges as the Agency developed, tested, fielded, and expanded the BMDS to protect the United States, its deployed forces, and allies and friends against the growing and diverse threat posed by ballistic missiles.

As Director, he completed the construction of an additional missile field in Alaska for the GMD infrastructure to ensure a more robust defense of the homeland. As part of this plan, he made a commitment to Congress and the American people to field and deploy 30 Ground Base Interceptors by the end of 2010, and he fulfilled this important milestone in September 2010. He also initiated a Ground Based Interceptor fleet refurbishment and reliability enhancement program that resulted in upgrades and improvements to 10 Ground Based missiles deployed at Fort Greely, Alaska. Moreover, under his direction, the Missile Defense Agency completed the upgrades and integration of the Thule Early Warning Radar in Greenland, and the Clear Early Warning Radar in Alaska.