

president of the Conservation Foundation. He served as the Foundation's president until 1969, when he was appointed Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Train then served as the first chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality from 1970–73 before leading the EPA from 1973–77.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) was an important part of Mr. Train's life for over fifty years, from its founding in 1961 until his death. Mr. Train was the first vice-president of WWF–US and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of World Wildlife Fund and of the Conservation Foundation from 1985 until they merged as WWF in 1990. In 1994 Mr. Train was elected WWF Chairman Emeritus and served as Chairman of the WWF National Council from 1994–2001. Mr. Train led WWF–US through extraordinary growth from its inception to become the leading global conservation organization it is today. Mr. Train remained active on the WWF–US Board of Directors and was regularly seen at the WWF offices, encouraging staff and extolling the importance of the EPA. Carter S. Roberts, President & CEO of WWF–US, says of Mr. Train, "Russ was a true national treasure and an inspiration to all of us who embrace conservation as their life's work. He will be well remembered, and forever missed."

Mr. Train received many awards and recognitions, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Heinz Award and the Teddy Roosevelt International Conservation Award.

Russell E. Train was born in Jamestown, Rhode Island and grew up in Washington, DC. He graduated from Princeton University and Columbia University Law School. Mr. Train served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Train believed that conservation and environmentalism weren't Democratic or Republican issues—they were national and international issues of importance to everyone who cared about the future of our planet. In 2003, Train published *Politics, Pollution and Pandas: An Environmental Memoir*, tracing his career and providing a history of the U.S. environmental movement. In his memoir, Mr. Train wrote, "I felt strongly that environmental issues needed a sharp, cutting edge in government, one that had high visibility to the public." Fortunately, he noted, "this view finally prevailed."

I hope we can return to a time when protecting our air, water, and the environment is a shared, bipartisan goal. I am proud to have counted Russell Train among my friends and am grateful for his support for our ongoing efforts to follow in former President Teddy Roosevelt's tradition of protecting and preserving our national heritage. At this time in our country's history, we need more Russell Trains. We will miss him dearly, but his legacy is all around us in the cleaner air we breathe, the safer water we drink, and the wildlife that he fought to preserve. When we think of Russell Train, we must block efforts to roll back the victories he won and fight to build upon his noble legacy.

I extend my deepest condolences to Russ Train's wife of 58 years, Aileen Bowdoin Train; to his four children, Emily Rowan, Nancy Smith Gustin, Charles B. Train and my grade-school classmate, Errol T. Giordano; and to his twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Russell E. Train for his ex-

traordinary contributions to our country and our world.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia I have had the privilege of visiting Georgia twice in the past two years. Last year I led a bipartisan delegation that met with President Saakashvili, his cabinet, Members of Parliament and representatives of various opposition parties. Two weeks ago I briefly passed through Georgia, where I met with President Saakashvili, while traveling between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Georgia is a country in transition, the purpose of this resolution is not only to acknowledge this fact but to encourage this transition to continue. While serious challenges still remain, there is no doubt that Georgia is committed to developing a strong democratic government, a robust free market economy and joining key international institutions including NATO.

Democratic developments in Georgia range from high level reforms, such as changes to the constitution that strengthen the office of the Prime Minister as well as the Parliament, to lower level reforms, including the creation of "Public Service Halls" that provide essential government services, including passports and drivers licenses, through an efficient and transparent process. As we know, economic development follows political reform as investors seek stable places to grow their capital. Over the past ten years both the capital city, Tbilisi and the Black Sea port of Batumi have been transformed by investment into modern European cities. For Georgia's economy to continue to grow such investment must continue and reach outside the cities to embrace the country as a whole.

Georgia's commitment to NATO has been exemplary. While many alliance members and partners are winding down their commitments to ISAF in Afghanistan, Georgia is increasing its commitment to deploy the highest per capita troop level of any contributing nation. Georgian soldiers are deployed in the dangerous Helmand province where they serve side-by-side with U.S. soldiers and marines. Although participation in ISAF is not a prerequisite for NATO membership, alliance members should recognize that Georgia's commitment to Afghanistan as well as the country's commitment to democratic and defense reforms will make Georgia a model NATO member.

One major challenge that Georgia faces is Russia's continued occupation of two Georgian provinces; Abkhazia and South Ossetia, which is in violation of the August 2008 ceasefire agreement. As this resolution states, Russia has blocked the extension of OSCE and UN observation missions, and prohibits the EU mission from accessing the occupied territories. Last year I traveled to the boundary of Abkhazia from where one can plainly see

that the Russian Army is constructing permanent bases including apartment buildings to house its soldiers. This Congress must condemn this continued illegal occupation.

As we know from our own history, building a successful democracy is a challenge. In less than two weeks, on October 1st, Georgians will go to the polls for parliamentary elections. It is not for those of us in Washington or any other capital to influence the outcome of these elections. The Georgian people must pick their own leaders. However we must urge, as this resolution does, that the Georgian government, the independent election commission, and all political parties ensure that the Georgian people have their say. The success of the elections as a whole, not any one candidate or party, will ensure that Georgia's democratic transition continues.

This resolution, H. Res. 526, is representative of a bipartisan effort to recognize Georgia and the progress it has made and symbolizes U.S. support for a young, but growing democracy. I want to thank Rep. SHUSTER for his efforts and for introducing this resolution. I also want to thank Ranking Member MEEKS, Chairman ROS-LEHTINEN, and Ranking Member BERMAN and their staff for their support of this Subcommittee's efforts to move this resolution.

HONORING ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the First District of Michigan, I wish to recognize September as World Alzheimer's Month, and specifically today, September 21, 2012, as Alzheimer's Action Day.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that destroys brain cells causing problems with memory, judgment, and behavior. Alzheimer's is a serious disease, and is not a normal part of aging. In fact, while most Alzheimer's patients are over age 65, for as many as 5% of its victims, the disease first appeared in their 40s or 50s.

In the United States, an estimated 5.4 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the US, and it is the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed. It has been projected that as many as 16 million Americans may have Alzheimer's by the year 2050.

As a doctor who has treated patients for nearly 30 years in Northern Michigan, I understand the devastating impact Alzheimer's disease can have on patients and their caregivers. In addition to the physical toll Alzheimer's takes on patients, the disease also takes a heavy toll on families serving as caregivers through very difficult times. More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care to a loved one with Alzheimer's. I am reminded of the words which former President Ronald Reagan shared in announcing his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease 18 years ago: "Unfortunately, as Alzheimer's disease progresses, the family often bears a heavy burden." Very poignantly, Nancy Reagan referred to Alzheimer's as "the long goodbye."

In sharing his diagnosis, President Reagan also hoped to promote greater awareness of the disease. Although awareness of Alzheimer's has grown, we need to continue educating others about the disease. While there is still no cure or prevention for Alzheimer's, with early detection one can get the maximum benefit from available treatments that may provide some relief and help maintain independence longer. I encourage everyone to know the early warning signs and how they differ from typical age-related changes. For example, suffering from memory loss that disrupts daily life may be an early sign of Alzheimer's, but occasionally forgetting names or appointments, then remembering them later, is normal as we age.

Today, on Alzheimer's Action Day, I stand with the residents of Northern Michigan who are fighting "the long goodbye." I also wish to acknowledge and honor their dedicated caregivers. Thank you for the courage and perseverance you display every day.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH & SARAH
RAMSEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two natives of southeastern Kentucky, Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey for their inspiring success, spanning more than 40 years in the making. Starting as young entrepreneurs from Artemus, Kentucky, Ken and Sarah now own one of the premier thoroughbred farms in the nation, the Ramsey Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Ken had a rough start in the horse racing industry in 1969 when he discovered his \$1,500 thoroughbred was blind in one eye and never started. Ken held a trainer's license briefly before becoming an executive in the trucking business. The Ramseys later dabbled in real estate before investing in cellular telephone franchises. It was the extra money from the cell phone business that enabled Ken and Sarah to return to their true love of horses.

The Ramseys bought the famed Almahurst Farm in 1994 after selling their cellular telephone business. Almahurst was the birthplace of the 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator and standardbred hero Greyhound. They changed the name of the farm, but continued its legendary success.

With their fierce competitive spirit and passion for horses, Ken and Sarah have become leading figures in the horse racing industry, earning Ramsey Farm the highest praise and most coveted awards. Their lofty honors include the 2011 and 2004 Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owners and the first recipients of the John Deere Outstanding Breeders of the 2011 Breeders' Cup Challenge series and the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

They have also won leading owner titles at Belmont, Keeneland, Saratoga, Gulfstream Park, Ellis Park, Turfway, and currently hold the record at Churchill Downs with the most owner titles won in the 135-year history of the track. The Ramseys also found success on the world stage when their thoroughbred, Roses in May won the Dubai World Cup in 2005.

The majority of their success came with homebreds by their 2004 champion turf mare, Kitten's Joy, a namesake of Ken's first love, Sarah whom he had nicknamed "Kitten" in 1954. Ken still enjoys sharing each win with his family and friends by inviting them to help him walk each horse into the winner's circle, whether it's a \$5,000 claimer or a Grade I stakes winner.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey, for their impressive careers and their continued support of projects in their rural hometown in southeastern Kentucky.

CELEBRATING BIENVENIDOS' 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bienvenidos, an organization dedicated to healing children, strengthening families and transforming communities in Los Angeles, on their 25th anniversary.

Bienvenidos opened its doors in June of 1987 to a young child, Miracle, to begin addressing the growing number of abused and neglected infants and toddlers in Los Angeles County. From the outset, they realized that children who do not have the care, guidance and support they need are less likely to grow into successful, self-sufficient and productive adolescents and adults.

Bienvenidos has spent the last 25 years developing comprehensive services for children and families and promoting long-term positive outcomes. The array of programs and services they provide are designed to heal children and families in crisis, as well as break generational cycles of abuse, neglect and other dysfunctional behaviors.

As a pillar in greater East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley, Bienvenidos has made it a priority to develop roots within the community by leading collaborative initiatives, engaging community residents to develop services and resources in response to their needs, and bringing funding into the area. Today, Bienvenidos serves more than 19,000 children and their families through the dedicated work of 200 professional staff at 12 locations.

Ultimately, what sets Bienvenidos apart is their ability to give hope to those who have all but lost it. Bienvenidos gives people the tools and coping skills they need to become self-sufficient, and through the love and support of their staff, they give them someone who believes in them.

I once again congratulate Bienvenidos on the celebration of their 25th anniversary. I thank them for their continued service to the children and families of Los Angeles and their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION
DAY 2012

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe that September 21, 2012, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and remember those who have suffered in captivity in foreign lands, and the many who have never returned home from combat.

This day affords us an opportunity to pay tribute to those who experienced unimaginable hardship under enemy imprisonment in service to this great country, but who, through their strength and determination, gained their freedom and returned home as heroes. For those still missing, we continue our commitment to never rest until all are accounted for and their families have peace from the knowledge of learning what happened to their loved ones.

We can never repay the debt we owe to those who have devoted their lives in service to this country; we can only continue to demonstrate our gratitude and admiration by honoring and calling attention to their sacrifices. The haunting black and white flag honoring America's prisoners of war and those missing in action, which hangs outside my office, today will fly over the United States Capitol, the White House, the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and many homes across the country. This flag reminds all Americans of our veterans' sacrifices, and that our mission is never complete until every man and woman who defended America in distant lands returns home.

On behalf of the constituents of Michigan's First District, I wish to thank all the veterans in Northern Michigan for their tremendous strength and bravery. And for the families of those who are still missing, we renew our promise to never rest until your loved ones arrive back under your care.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST CHESTER FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association of Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 75th anniversary.

Founded on September 21, 1937 by 107 local sportsmen, the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association has enjoyed a rich and storied history. Even prior to its date of founding, its members actively worked to address the problem of pollution in the Brandywine River caused by paper mills. These efforts led to, in some cases, the prosecution of the owners and operators of these mills.

Throughout its history, the Association has also operated a fish stocking program beginning in 1937 when 2,200 fingerling bass were released in the Brandywine. In 1941, these efforts expanded to purchasing and stocking trout in West Valley Creek. Later, in 1964, the