

will continue to have access to the latest technological innovations. If we are serious about our commitment to having a computer in every classroom in America, we will pass this legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF
GARFIELD HEIGHTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio. Since 1919, the City of Garfield Heights has been an exemplary community within Northeast Ohio.

The City of Garfield Heights, also known as the "City of Homes," was founded in 1919 and named after Garfield Park. Before Garfield Heights was established, the land had been Newburgh Hamlet and the Village of South Newburgh. Garfield Heights officially reached the status of a city in 1930. It became home to Marymount Hospital in 1949.

Throughout the past couple of decades, Garfield Heights has undergone several major expansions and renovations. A new city hall building was opened in 1991, a new high school opened in 2004 and the Marymount Hospital Emergency Room addition opened in 2007.

Today, the City of Garfield Heights is home to nearly 30,000 residents who are led by Mayor Vic Collova. Mayor Collova was elected to office in 2009. He had previously served as President of Garfield Heights City Council. There are also eight members on the City Council: Nancy Marincic, Michael Nenadovich, Tracy Mahoney, Michael Dudley, Sr. Eugene Glenn, Joseph Suster, Thomas Vaughn and Barbara Molin.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Garfield Heights and all of its residents.

VOTE NO ON H.R. 3409, THE REPUBLICAN ANTI-HEALTH ANTI-ENVIRONMENT BILL

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I've got to hand it to my Republican colleagues. When they commit to something, they really commit. This Republican House has the worst environmental record in Congress's history. We've taken over 300 votes against the environment. And here we are again. On our last day to get any real work done, Republicans are voting to kill the environment.

Instead of dealing with important issues like taxes or jobs, Republicans are actually trying to repeal auto emissions standards that will save Americans \$1 per gallon at the pump—standards the auto industry wants and that consumers are happy with.

Instead of helping Americans find jobs, or helping the millions of homeowners facing foreclosure, Republicans are gutting clean air and clean water standards.

Instead of doing something to actually help America be a healthier place to live and work, Republicans are doing everything in their power to spoil it.

My Republican colleagues are saying regulations are killing the coal industry. The truth is that coal isn't selling in America—it just can't compete with cleaner, cheaper natural gas. The free market that my Republican colleagues worship is working. And the coal industry knows it.

Since coal is being beat here in the U.S. market by cleaner, healthier forms for energy, the coal industry has put plans in motion to ship our American coal to China. The industry will make millions in profits selling our coal, mined from our public lands, to go overseas. Trains full of coal will obstruct commerce, especially in the northwest, and endanger public health, all at the expense of the American taxpayer.

Make no mistake, today's bill isn't about saving the coal industry. The coal industry is doing that already, they're finding other markets. This bill is nothing more than a political ploy that puts industry and ideology over less expensive energy, public health, and our environment, and I urge my colleagues to vote no on this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEMBROKE, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of Pembroke, Massachusetts, a scenic and vibrant town in southeastern Massachusetts.

Native American tribes had wintered along the North River in modern day Pembroke and had called the region home for many generations by the time the area saw its first European settlers. These settlers, Englishmen Robert Barker and Dolor Davis, established their homes in the area of Herring Brook in 1650. The town of Pembroke was later incorporated in the year 1712.

This small town is known for its plentiful timber, water, and fish. In fact, the herring found in the town's ponds, streams and marshes were prized so much that in 1741 Pembroke began regulating the fishing of its waters. Herring are celebrated in Pembroke every year at the town's annual "Grande Old Fish Fry." It is also home to rich woodland, providing timber for both residential and industrial use, and is especially known for its shipbuilding.

The five shipyards off the shores of the North River produced over one thousand ships between 1678 and 1871, including the *Beaver*, one of the ships used in the Boston Tea Party. Other notable ships that came out of these historic shipyards were the *Columbia*, the *Bedford* and the *Maria*. The *Columbia*, for which Columbia River is named, was the first ship to sail around the Cape of Good Hope. The *Bedford* was the first ship to sail into British waters with the American flag proudly hoisted upon its jack staff, while the *Maria* is depicted on the Pembroke town seal.

Throughout its storied history, the town of Pembroke has also been home to other indus-

tries such as agriculture and manufacturing. In the early 1900s, cranberry growers and poultry farmers became well established in the town. There were also rubber works, shoe box manufacturing companies and crate constructing companies located in Pembroke throughout the early 20th century.

Today, however, this South Shore town has grown into a bustling suburban community that still maintains its rural charm, continuing to attract vacationers to its picturesque landscape.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the town of Pembroke and the entire Pembroke community on the celebration of their 300th anniversary. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S 101ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, Taiwan will celebrate its' 101st anniversary. This celebration, often referred to as Double 10 Day, is significant for, amidst all the challenges to its continued existence, Taiwan has become one of the world's most advanced and vibrant democracies, and a close ally of the United States.

This progress, coupled with its economic success, has made Taiwan, under the leadership of President Ma-Ying-jeou, a prime example of how the spirit, ingenuity, and diligence of a people can surmount almost any difficulty. Taiwan's high standard of living and its promise of freedom make Taiwan a natural friend and partner of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, additionally, I would like to recognize the service of Jason Yuan, Taiwan's chief diplomat in the U.S. He was recently recalled to Taipei to head up their National Security Council; a promotion in recognition of his outstanding work in building relationships with and understanding the American people. Because our future is so mutually tied, I applaud the Republic of China for its selection of Jason who I am confident will advance the ties between Taiwan and the U.S.

Again, on this October 10th, I would like to join with Taiwanese Americans and the people of Taiwan in commemoration of Taiwan's 101st anniversary and express my hope that the warm ties between our two countries will continue to flourish.

NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.

Hispanic Serving Institutions are colleges and universities that are working to keep the dream of college education alive for Hispanic students.

I'm pleased that a college in my district, San Diego State University, was named a Hispanic Serving Institution this year, making it only the third public research university in California to receive that designation.

SDSU is number one in the nation for improvements in college graduation rates over the past 6 years.

Even more remarkable is that it has done this while dramatically increasing graduating rates for students of color, and virtually closing the achievement gap!

I commend SDSU and other Hispanic Serving Institutions that are bringing greater equity to higher education, preparing our young adults for the workforce of the future, and strengthening America's economic competitiveness.

ALEXION BIOPHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hardworking men and women at Alexion's biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Smithfield in my home state of Rhode Island.

Co-founded by Steven Squinto and Leonard Bell, Alexion was recognized earlier this month by Forbes Magazine as the second most innovative company in America for its work to develop life-saving treatments for ultra-rare genetic diseases.

One hundred hardworking men and women are employed at Alexion's Smithfield manufacturing facility, and they are helping to show the region and the country how to make it in America.

They provide a model to be followed as we work to strengthen research and development, and reinvigorate American manufacturing, particularly advanced manufacturing, and put our country back to work in well-paying positions.

I applaud their achievements and recognition, and I wish Alexion continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI COURTHOUSE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Quincy District Courthouse as the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse.

Francis X. Bellotti is known for his more than sixty years of public service in the state of Massachusetts, and it is highly fitting that we dedicate the Quincy District Courthouse in his honor, as his long career began here. After graduating from Boston College Law School and passing the bar exam in 1952, Mr. Bellotti opened up his own law practice not too far from the courthouse that is now to be named for him. For the next ten years, Mr. Bellotti spent countless hours in that very courthouse, appearing hundreds of times for both civil and criminal cases.

In 1962, this career of public service brought Mr. Bellotti from the courthouse to the State House when he was elected lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In his later role as Attorney General of Massachusetts, Mr. Bellotti was well-loved by his many employees, and he received national praise and recognition for the changes that he brought to his office. In particular, Mr. Bellotti implemented a new merit-based hiring system, which soon became the model for countless other prosecutors throughout the nation. This innovation led the National Association of Attorneys General to award Mr. Bellotti with the Louis C. Wyman Award, and for the association's Consumer Protection Committee to elect him as their chairman in 1984.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bellotti has continuously proven himself to be a skilled attorney and a dedicated public servant for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He remains a celebrated public figure in our state's recent history, and I can think of no better way to honor a man who has given so much to Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the dedication of the Quincy District Courthouse in honor of Francis X. Bellotti. He is an extraordinary member of the Massachusetts community and his years of public service are an inspiration to us all. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this dedication, and in congratulating Mr. Bellotti for his many years of service.

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH—SGT. JOSE NOE DIAZ, JR.

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from September 15 to October 15 America celebrates National Hispanic Heritage month to recognize citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. These individuals contribute to the amazing melting pot of unique identities that is the United States of America.

I would like to honor one particular Hispanic individual, a law enforcement officer from the Second Congressional District of Texas who lives his life under the lessons and values that his father and grandfathers instilled in him to serve our community.

Sgt. Jose Noe Diaz, Jr.—known as Noe—is a Texas Ranger in Houston. He is a fourth generation Mexican-American. Both of his grandfathers (still alive) proudly served in World War II as infantrymen. His father was a migrant worker who worked his way through college and later became a school teacher. They taught him respect for others, honesty and hard work as the formula for success. Sgt. Diaz is proud of his heritage and works tirelessly to ensure that his children understand the importance of public service and giving back to the country that they love.

It is evident that the values he inherited from his family have contributed to his success in his career and in life. Originally from South Texas, Sgt. Diaz has lived in the greater Houston area since 1987 when he began his career as a Texas Department of Criminal

Justice Prison Guard. In 1996, he was accepted into the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Academy and assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol in Katy. In 2001, he was promoted into the Narcotic Division of DPS and assigned to the Harris County Organized Crime Task Force, DEA-Houston and the Houston Police Department's Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team. In January 2008, he was appointed to the Texas Ranger Division and assigned to Company "G" Rio Grande City, Starr County. Later that same year, he transferred to Company "A" Houston where he is currently assigned. Sgt. Diaz's current duty assignment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation-Houston targets Public and Police Corruption.

Sgt. Diaz is happily married to his wife, Sheila, with whom he has two adult children Justin (a Senior at the University of Texas—Austin) and Stephanie (a Sophomore at Our Lady of the Lake University—San Antonio). Sgt. Diaz holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston-Downtown and is pursuing a Masters in Criminology from Lamar University—Beaumont.

Sgt. Diaz is an admirable and dedicated leader to our community, and this Hispanic Heritage Month we recognize his accomplishments and his rich heritage that has contributed to his success. We value his role in our community and appreciate his hard work to make it a better place to live. Sgt. Diaz, thank you for your service and for being a role model to many.

And that's just the way it is.

SEPTEMBER IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker I rise to highlight that September is Alzheimer's awareness month and that today is "Go Purple Day" to help raise awareness of the disease.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. The disease causes debilitating symptoms such as extreme memory loss as well as the ability to carry out day to day functions as simple as walking and even swallowing. Alzheimer's is ultimately fatal. It currently has no cure, and treatment options are very limited.

An estimated 5.4 million Americans are currently suffering from Alzheimer's, including over 200,000 who are under the age of 65 and is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. Every 68 seconds another American develops Alzheimer's. Sadly this disease does not only affect the victim but has a profound effect on both family members and friends. In 2011 it was estimated that more than 15 million family members provided over 17.4 billion hours of unpaid caregiver service which would be estimated at over 210 billion dollars worth of care to patients with Alzheimer's. Almost everyone has a friend or family member who has been impacted by this terrible disease.

I am proud to go purple for Alzheimer's day and look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan way to combat this disease which has harmed so many families in West Virginia and around the country.