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As Westlake Christian School proudly raises the Blue Ribbon flag on its campus, may those in our community and across the Nation be reminded of the good work done there daily and look to this school as a model of exemplary educational practices.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE
OF MATTHEW PATRICK
MANOUKIAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of the always faithful Captain Matthew Patrick Manoukian, United States Marine Corps. Captain Manoukian made the ultimate sacrifice on August 10, 2012, giving his life for his country during his service in Afghanistan. He was 29 years old.

Captain Manoukian was a lifelong resident of Los Altos Hills, California, and graduated from Saint Francis High School in 2001. Since the age of 10, it had been Matthew's goal to become a Marine. Shortly after graduating from the University of Arizona in 2005, he attended Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. After commissioning as a Second Lieutenant into the Marine Corps, he joined Camp Pendleton's 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion after enduring a grueling training program that only 40 of 100 men passed. Captain Manoukian was in the top five.

Captain Manoukian rose through the ranks and was deployed twice to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan, always at "the tip of the spear." He saw his role in Afghanistan as freeing the oppressed from the Taliban and bringing a fair legal system to a country that has never had one. He also had a deep respect for Middle Eastern cultures and history, learning to speak Arabic, and insisting on walking through villages, greeting children and their parents in person, instead of patrolling in a Humvee.

Captain Manoukian was completing his fourth tour of duty in Afghanistan and had plans to attend law school after completing his military obligation. He had already been accepted at Golden Gate University where he planned to begin his studies in 2014.

On a fateful early morning on August 10th during a predawn Ramadan meal that Captain Manoukian insisted his troops respectfully observe during the Muslim holy month, an insurgent dressed as an Afghanistan police officer opened fire and took his life, and the lives of two other fellow Marines.

Captain Manoukian is survived by his father, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Socrates "Pete" Manoukian; his mother, Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian, Associate Justice of the Sixth District California Court of Appeal; brothers Michael and Martin; and the extended Manoukian and Bamattre families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Cap-

tain Manoukian's beloved family. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments, and we are proud to honor his memory in the U.S. House of Representatives. Our nation has lost a beloved citizen who made his community proud and his country stronger. His life enriched ours and may our tribute be a source of comfort to his beautiful family during their time of great grief.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOROUGH
OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, NEW
JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the borough of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey on their 125th anniversary celebration. Atlantic Highlands and its citizens, with their hard work, dedication, and commitment to community, personify the quintessential American spirit.

Founded in 1887, the borough of Atlantic Highlands was originally part of Middletown Township. However, during the latter part of the 1800's, the area that is currently known as Atlantic Highlands was beginning to gain the attention of local businessmen and vacationers for its scenic landscape and proximity to Raritan Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. After its incorporation as a borough in 1897, Atlantic Highlands began to develop steadily. Steam ship and rail service were the source of major transportation in the area, with steam ships bringing vacationers to the borough from New York City and the surrounding area. In 1940, the municipal harbor was completed, which allowed the borough to accommodate significantly more travelers and vessels, which increased access to the borough.

Today, the borough remains a destination for travelers and vacationers, as well as home to more than 4,300 residents. The municipal harbor is the largest on the east coast, with the ability to accommodate upwards of 700 vessels. Offering high speed ferry service since 1992, the harbor and its ferry service serves as a scenic and convenient method of mass transportation for commuters traveling to New York City. The local businesses and business owners in the borough take great pride in their ability to provide great destinations for their local community and vacationers to enjoy. The citizens of Atlantic Highlands, along with the leadership of Mayor Fred Rast III and the borough council, make the Borough of Atlantic Highlands a truly great place to live, work, and visit.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating the borough of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey on their 125th anniversary. I take great pride in having the opportunity and responsibility of representing the borough and its citizen's interests here in Washington DC.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the achievements and success of two programs at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). The Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program and the Reverse Transfer Program are being recognized by Excelencia in Education.

Excelencia in Education focuses on accelerating success for Latino students at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. Since 2005, Excelencia has honored programs and departments at the cutting edge of increasing and improving academic achievement for Latinos.

UTEP's Reverse Transfer Program, honored by Excelencia as a finalist, allows transfer students to earn their final credits at UTEP, and then have those credits sent back to El Paso Community College to fulfill the balance of the associate degree requirement. This program increases the graduation rates at El Paso Community College, and increases UTEP's retention rate, which results in improving access to higher education for all students.

UTEP's Master of Business Administration Program, honored by Excelencia as an awardee, serves over 400 students from more than 20 countries from a variety of backgrounds. The MBA program was recognized for the third year in a row as the number one program for Hispanics in the Nation by the Hispanic Business Magazine. The program reflects Excelencia in Education by blending quality graduate education and affordability.

I want to personally congratulate UTEP's Master of Business Administration and Reverse Transfer programs for their recognition, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of faculty, administration, and students. I look forward to the continued success of UTEP, and I am honored to represent this outstanding institution.

HONORING LEE MARIE ANDERSON

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lee Marie Anderson, who quietly passed away on Monday, September 24, 2012. Lee was born on October 4, 1924 to Bertha and John Dutton in her hometown of Linden, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan, but left early to serve her country as a member of the U.S. Navy WAVES where she was trained as a nurse's aide during the greatest conflict of our time.

Following World War II, she married Jack Braude and moved to California to pursue a career in modeling and acting. She soon became involved with California politics and local civic activities in Westchester. In the early 1950s she was a driving force in the Democratic Party, serving in leadership roles with the League of Women Voters.

Lee Anderson then married former Lieutenant Governor and Congressman of California

Glenn Anderson. Lee and Glenn were a political powerhouse duo in the California political arena. During Glenn's long political career, Lee worked closely with her husband and also oversaw his many business interests; some may even say that she was his "Chief of Staff."

After Glenn's passing, Lee Anderson remained active and energetic as a Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner, a board member of San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, which is now Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center, President of the Long Beach Civic Light Opera and numerous positions with civic and community organizations.

She created the Glenn and Lee Anderson Foundation, which provides thousands of dollars of college scholarship funds to the communities of San Pedro, Long Beach, Wilmington and Torrance. Among her many honors, she received the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League, and the Youth Award from the Wilmington Boys & Girls Club.

Lee is remembered fondly by her friends and family, including her son Evan Braude Anderson, Glenn Anderson's children Melinda Keenan and Glenn Michael Anderson, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and her brother, Jack Dutton. She was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

UNIVERSITY MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Department of Sociomedical Sciences Doctoral Program/Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health for its outstanding impact on the success of its Latino student population. The school is a groundbreaking and progressive institution that strives to promote academic excellence and a diversified student, faculty, and staff population.

Since its founding in 1968, the Sociomedical Sciences, SMS, program in Columbia's School of Public Health has evolved into a truly multidimensional institution. Its unique approach to teaching with its use of educators, engineers, and social scientists creates a robust learning model for addressing and ultimately solving today's prevalent health concerns. Columbia University has shown a dedication to maintaining its diverse community while also sustaining a high level of academic excellence. The Mailman School, in particular, has contributed to this mission exceptionally. From 2003 to 2010, 12.8 percent of students enrolled in the SMS doctoral program were Latinos, accurately representing the proportion of Latinos in the United States population.

In addition to the implementation of equal opportunity policies, the Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity, IMSD, has provided funding for graduate research positions and tuition assistance that demolished financial barriers previously hindering enrollment and timely degree attainment. This has provided for an increase in minority student enrollment and further expanded the already vibrantly assorted ethnic community.

A culturally well-rounded student body enhances the world perspective of students both academically and personally. The Mailman School of Public Health has accomplished all that it has educationally, while remaining committed to diversity among its student population, creating an equitable academic environment fostering a more inclusive world perspective. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize this achievement as particularly outstanding and its focus on promoting academic advancement of Latino students.

A TRIBUTE TO SEAN COLE, 2012 SACRED HEART PREPARATORY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sean Cole, a 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart Preparatory. The School is proud to offer the Athletic Hall of Fame to honor him for his athletic achievements. The award recognizes contributions of alumni athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators of Sacred Heart Preparatory. Individuals like Sean Cole who are inducted into the Hall of Fame have made significant achievements in his sports of soccer and baseball and exemplified the principals of sportsmanship and Christianity as illustrated in the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools.

Before Sean Cole became an outstanding goalkeeper, he was varsity baseball starter for four years and was the first topline pitcher to attend SHP. While playing baseball he played third base and batted in middle of lineup, which is reserved for strong hitters. Sean is a tremendous athlete with unmatched effort and integrity. While attending college at Skyline College in San Bruno, California he played soccer and coached at Menlo College and SHP. Sean is a perfect representation of what it takes to excel at our passions and demonstrates a great level of determination.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sean Cole, an athlete who lives a life which embodies the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. He lives the five commitments of faith, respect, social awareness, community building and personal growth, and his contributions to his sport have strengthened our community and our country immeasurably.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOSÉ JIMÉNEZ GUTIÉRREZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of José Jiménez Gutiérrez, who passed away earlier this month. His lifelong work ethic and deep commitment to family truly exemplified the essence of the American Dream and exhibited the resilience of the human spirit. His contributions to California and our nation will live on through his long-lasting legacy.

After migrating to the United States, José and his wife made Los Angeles their home, where they worked hard to ensure that they could provide the very best for their only daughter, Maria. José possessed a strong sense of responsibility and was a conscientious and trustworthy man.

His superior moral character was passed on to his daughter, Maria, who was perhaps José's greatest pride and joy. José always encouraged Maria to establish goals and go after them regardless of how impossible they seemed. Education was of great importance to the Gutierrez family. Maria was the first in her family to attend college, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Loyola Marymount University and her graduate degree from the University of Southern California. Maria went on to have a successful career with Univision and has become a staple in our community and California politics. It is clear that her father's encouragement, nurturing, and influence contributed greatly to Maria's success.

José's charisma, warm nature, and loyalty will undoubtedly be missed. His vibrant life filled with laughter and love was a genuine example of the attainment of the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of José Jiménez Gutiérrez, a respected and honorable man. His selfless nature and strong work ethic truly made him a source of pride for all Californians and our country.

APPLAUDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ENHANCED EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Barack Obama's address at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York. During his address, President Obama announced that the Administration would redouble its efforts to combat human trafficking at home and abroad. The administration's new initiatives will strengthen the existing zero-tolerance policy on human trafficking in government contracting, will provide tools and training for federal officials to identify and assist trafficking victims, and will expand services and legal assistance to victims.

Human trafficking continues to be an urgent and dire concern. There are an estimated 20 million men, women and children who are subjected to sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, domestic servitude, and child soldiering. These practices, besides being an unconscionable attack on the world's most vulnerable, affect all of us on a daily basis. It fuels organized crime, damages public health, and taints our businesses' supply chains. However, President Obama's efforts will undoubtedly improve American leadership on this issue and bring new opportunities to aid victims around the world.

As a member of the Congressional Human Trafficking Caucus, I have also worked hard to make this a congressional priority. My constituency includes approximately 50,000 Cambodians, most of whom resettled after fleeing