

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

their native land during the murderous reign of Khmer Rouge. Cambodia, according to the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking is one of the leading sources and destinations of trafficking in persons. Many of these victims are the friends and relatives of my constituents. They want very much to see their loved ones protected, and so do I.

I have strongly advocated each year for enhanced funding to combat human trafficking, and I have spoken on the subject to the European Union Inter-Parliamentary Assembly as a part of the House Helsinki Commission. In the 111th Congress, I also introduced House Resolution 929, which recognizes December 2 as "International Day for the Abolition of Slavery." This resolution encourages member states of the United Nations to intensify their efforts to eradicate modern-day slavery, and it urges Americans to help raise awareness of the prevalence of this human rights abuse. I introduced a similar resolution in the 112th Congress supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

I am proud to report that House Resolution 929 was endorsed by the Frederick Douglass Family Foundation, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, Safe Horizon, Freedom Network, Humanity United, Coalition to Abolish Modern-Day Slavery in Asia, Boat People SOS, and the Polaris Project blog. These modern day abolitionists are the true heroes, fighting on the frontlines to protect trafficking victims and serving as models of the compassion and leadership we should all strive to display every day.

Mr. Speaker, this month marked the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation that all slaves residing in the states in rebellion against the Union would forever be free. President Lincoln's bold move changed our nation for the better and is a defining moment in American history when we fully committed ourselves to protecting the liberty of every man, woman, and child.

We must remain aware that the struggle continues and even hides within the borders of the United States. Human trafficking remains one of the gravest injustices of our time as it continues to rob millions of people of basic self-determination and dignity. Yet our government is making significant progress. I firmly believe that, through American leadership and global cooperation, we can bring the goal of eradication within reach.

Mr. Speaker, I thank President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton for their steadfast support for anti-human trafficking initiatives, and I reaffirm my own dedication to combating all forms of modern slavery and upholding the American promise of freedom.

#### HONORING MARTIN BRELAND

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Martin Breland on his recent selection to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Breland has been president and CEO of Tower Federal Credit Union in Laurel, Maryland, since 1994. Under his leadership, Tower has experienced significant and healthy asset growth. With over 16 branches spanning four counties, Tower is the largest federal credit union in the state of Maryland and provides a range of financial products to meet the needs of their 124,000 member-owners, a number of whom live in my district. Prior to becoming CEO in 1994, Mr. Breland served in other capacities at Tower including Vice President of Finance and Vice President of Member Services.

With over 30 years of experience in the financial industry and an M.B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Mr. Breland is a welcomed addition to the NAFCU board. In his new role he will have the opportunity to play an important role in public policy formation.

I wish Mr. Breland the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board and look forward to working with him in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Mr. Breland on this achievement.

#### A TRIBUTE TO TREVOR SCHAFER, 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 Trevor Schaffer, a 1998 graduate of St. Joseph's School and 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 Trevor Schaffer who are inducted into the Hall of Fame have made significant achievements in his sports of soccer, baseball and basketball and exemplified the principals of sportsmanship and Christianity as illustrated in the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Trevor Schaffer, 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 JOAN WHEELER

### HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mark the passing of Mrs. Joan Schlaudt Wheeler, one of my constituents and a matriarch of the Cherokee County, South Carolina Republican Party.

Mrs. Wheeler was born in Cleburn, Texas, in 1927 to Edo Schlaudt and Marjorie Nail

Schlaudt. Mrs. Wheeler was a very intelligent woman who valued education as one of the most reliable assets a person can possess. She graduated from Montreal and Converse Colleges, and worked as a teacher in York County, South Carolina. She particularly loved history and government, so her life-long dedication to public service came as no surprise.

For more than 20 years, Mrs. Wheeler was active in community concerns and local politics, fighting for her convictions even if at times they were unpopular. She fought to stop the damming of Broad River, led a group to stop wasteful school spending and halt a public school building program, and worked to stop a landfill in the McKowns Mountain community. Most notably, she was an alternate delegate to the Republican Convention in 2000, and served as the chair of the local Republican Party for seven years. During her chairmanship, the party increased both its membership and visibility, and started a scholarship program for Gaffney and Blacksburg High School seniors. Mrs. Wheeler always had the best interests of her community at heart.

Mrs. Wheeler was often recognized for her public service. She received the Woman of the Year award for the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women. She was the first recipient of the Palmetto Elephant award for the S.C.G.O.P. In 2010, Governor Mark Sanford presented Mrs. Wheeler with The Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in my State, recognizing a person's lifetime achievements and contributions to South Carolina.

Mrs. Wheeler was also a woman dedicated to her family. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, George Wheeler, and four children—David, Tom, Mary Lois and Jan.

We will remember Mrs. Wheeler not only for her convictions and her work to improve the lives of others, but more importantly, as a dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with Joan's family and for all those who knew her and share in her loss.

#### LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2012*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 75th anniversary of Lamar Community College.

Located in Prowers County, Colorado, Lamar Community College has grown to over 1,000 students, and fosters an environment that supports students and the surrounding community. The value of having an institution of higher education committed to enriching the lives of its students has proven to be invaluable for Southeastern Colorado.

Through a variety of partnerships, the college is able to offer students the opportunity to obtain admission and degrees from four-year universities. Properly representing the Eastern Plains of Colorado, Lamar Community College has become known for its successful agriculture and equestrian programs.

The college hosts five National Junior College Athletic Association sports as well as a National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association team, and these programs have risen to prominence in the region. Lamar Community College's core values of Respect, Integrity, Open