

goal come about. Her persistent positive attitude coupled with her zest for life has been a blessing to our entire community.

Hinds Hospice has expanded to include outpatient care in Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties. A Pediatric Hospice Program has been created to help families with terminally ill children. Other programs include an Angel Babies Program, Center for Grief and Loss, Multicultural Outreach, Physician Education, Prison Hospice, and Thrift Stores. For over 30 years, Hinds Hospice has touched thousands of lives by providing support, compassion, hope, and comfort during some of the most painful times for a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Nancy Hinds for her leadership, vision, and service. We thank Nancy today for her outstanding contributions to the San Joaquin Valley, and to the entire world.

RECOGNITION OF JEROME AND
KATHY HAMLIN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jerome and Kathy Hamlin are proud parents of two, Tyrone, age 49 and Ray, age 48, and grandparents of four, John, age 24, DJ, age 19, RL, age 15, and Asia, age 10.

Jerome and Kathy Hamlin were married on September 22nd, 1962 at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. Jerome Hamlin was a graduate of Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina before moving to Long Branch in 1960. He then went on to receive degrees from Brookdale Community College and Shaw University. Kathy Hamlin is a life-long resident of Long Branch, and graduated from Long Branch High School in 1962. Mrs. Hamlin worked as an associate for A&S Clinique Cosmetics. Mr. Hamlin was a detective and sergeant in the Long Branch Police Department for twenty-five years, as well as a special projects coordinator for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Currently, Kathy Hamlin is actively involved in interior design, while Jerome Hamlin spends his time practicing photography. Despite raising two children and working full time jobs, Kathy and Jerome Hamlin, along with other members of the Hamlin family, have been actively involved in the local community in Long Branch for a number of years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on their 50th wedding anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Kathy and Jerome continued health, happiness, and success.

RECOGNIZING 3RD ANNIVERSARY
OF MATTHEW SHEPARD AND
JAMES BYRD, JR. HATE CRIMES
PREVENTION ACT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 3rd anniversary of the passing of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. On October 28, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which I cosponsored and voted for when it was passed by a Democratic led Congress on October 8, 2009 as part of the 2010 Defense Authorization Act.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act greatly expands the 1969 United States Federal Hate-Crime Law to include crimes motivated by the victim's perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. The bill expands prosecution beyond instances of federally protected activities, enables the federal government greater freedom in prosecuting cases that local authorities do not pursue, and is the first federal law to extend protection to transgender persons.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act is named for Matthew Shepard, a 19-year-old gay man from Wyoming who was beaten and left for dead, and James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old African American man from Texas who was beaten and dragged behind a truck until he was dead.

This legislation which was first introduced in Congress a decade ago marks a proud step forward for our nation in strengthening the dignity and personal rights of all Americans. It is a matter of simple justice, one that says violence against people based on individual variations like race, gender, sexual orientation, military status and religion will not be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker, I represent an exceptionally diverse district. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act is especially important to me in that it has, and will continue to, improve the safety of so many of the people I represent. From our LGBT community to our historic African American and Hispanic neighborhoods, this law improves the protection of all of us against senseless violence based on bias and hate.

CONGRATULATING JOHN VOLPI
FOR BEING NAMED TOP CTO OF
THE YEAR

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize and congratulate Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Lone Star, John Volpi, for being named Corporate CTO of the Year at this year's Tech Titans awards ceremony. John received this distinguished award in recognition for his outstanding contributions in the technology development industry.

On Friday, August 24, 2012, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC), the largest technology trade association in Texas, hosted its 12th annual Tech Titans gala. This black-tie affair was launched in 2001 in order to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding tech companies and individuals throughout Texas. Each year leaders from more than 4,000 tech companies meet to celebrate the cutting edge achievements of the more than 10,000 corporations that are headquartered in North Texas, making the North Texas region the largest concentration of corporate headquarters in the U.S.

A co-founder of Lone Star, John Volpi is responsible for managing the company's technical innovation resources. John has played a significant role in shaping Lone Star as a leader in next generation technology development within the defense and telecommunications industries, and has helped the company gain international recognition for its decision analysis and business modeling services.

Throughout his career, John has spent over 40 years leading or providing critical support in the development of groundbreaking technologies. "This acknowledges a lifetime of excellence," said Lone Star CEO, Steve Roerman. "Our firm is recognized in business and technology decision support because of John's innovations in TruNavigator, the only 4th generation decision analysis toolset."

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating John Volpi, Chief Technology Officer of Lone Star, for his lifetime achievements. I wish him continued success as he continues to pioneer technology development around the country.

RECOGNIZING ARPANA SATYU

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Arpana Satyu. She is the owner of Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, a small business in Cumming, Georgia, that specializes in making fresh, hand-rolled gourmet doughnuts.

Dutch Monkey Doughnuts was recently named by American Express as one of the top five small businesses, among a group of nearly 12,000 businesses, in the country. This is a tremendous honor, and one that is well-deserved.

There is no doubt that times are tough economically everywhere we look, and yet Dutch Monkey Doughnuts stands as a ray of hope and achievement. When she set out to create Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, Ms. Satyu not only wanted to make the best doughnuts in the country, she wanted to create a business that would bring people together. She wanted to make a difference in her community, and she succeeded in doing that. I am proud to share her story with the nation.

I am especially impressed with Ms. Satyu's response to being named as a winner of the American Express small business competition. When American Express awarded Dutch Monkey Doughnuts a cash prize for its fifth place finish, Ms. Satyu expressed that she is very grateful for receiving the monetary award, but

that she is most excited about the community events that are being organized by American Express in Cumming, Georgia, in honor of Dutch Monkey Doughnuts' success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Arpana Satyu for her service to the Seventh District of Georgia and for her achievement with her small business. I am very proud of her efforts and accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to promoting breast cancer education and awareness, raising funds for breast cancer research and emphasizing the importance of early detection in fighting the disease.

Breast cancer is a harsh reality in our nation. It's a year-round battle, taking place every day, every hour for thousands of women across the country. Few people in this country have not been touched in some way by breast cancer, whether through personal experience or through the experience of a family member, friend or member of our community.

This month, we stand alongside our mothers, daughters, sisters and wives to recognize breast cancer awareness month. Though we mark October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the fight goes beyond this month and we must stay vigilant in our support.

Breast cancer is still the most frequently diagnosed type of non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in our nation. According to the

American Cancer Association, this year 200,000 Americans will be diagnosed with the disease and nearly 40,000 will lose their lives. Despite the great strides that have been made in earlier detection and improved treatment, there remains much to be accomplished.

This month, Americans across the nation are encouraged to take the time to learn more about breast cancer awareness and understand risk factors, treatment and prevention. Learning about prevention can result in earlier detection of breast cancer in its early stages, and can significantly increase the chances of survival.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation recommends that women should have regular clinical breast exams and mammograms, which can help improve the chances of surviving breast cancer. I encourage all women to talk with their healthcare providers and promote the early detection of breast cancer by having regular mammograms and clinical breast exams.

Mr. Speaker, during this month, I urge all Americans to wear pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of those who have lost their lives to this devastating disease as well as support those who are courageously fighting the battle against breast cancer. By raising awareness and supporting innovative research, we can move closer to achieving a world free of breast cancer.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DIVISION
OF CAMPUS RECREATION CELE-
BRATES ITS FIFTIETH YEAR

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the University of Illinois'

Division of Campus Recreation as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Division of Campus Recreation provides resources for all University of Illinois students and staff, as well as offering community members opportunities to utilize their vast resources. There are seven facilities under the control of Division of Campus Recreation, including the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) which was renovated and reopened in 2008 as one of the nation's largest on-campus recreation centers. Campus Recreation provides recreation centers, an ice rink, outdoor recreation fields, a picnicking grove, and swimming pools. All of the Campus Recreation facilities provide opportunities for users to engage in an array of activities that can satisfy a wide spectrum of abilities. The inclusiveness to which Campus Recreation strives is a reflection of its quality and an expression of its mission within the University of Illinois.

Throughout its existence, the Division of Campus Recreation has also provided a place of employment for countless students as they pursue their degrees. While most students leave Campus Recreation upon their graduation, there are those who stick around and find it a place to make a successful career.

Personally, I have made much use of the facilities and opportunities provided by the Division of Campus Recreation. As a longtime member, I have used the swimming pools, workout facilities and exercise tracks to help maintain a healthy lifestyle. The facilities have seen great changes during my membership, but the superb assistance and innumerable friendly conversations with the staff at Campus Recreation have remained the same.

I would like to commend the Division of Campus Recreation on its 50th anniversary, and wish to see its continued excellence into the future.