

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
CENTER FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Houston and to honor the accomplishments of this program.

For the past 40 years, the Center for Mexican American Studies, CMAS, has served as a pioneer of intellectual thought regarding people of Mexican descent in the United States. Established in 1972, CMAS is an interdisciplinary academic program encompassing the liberal arts, education, and social sciences focusing on the Mexican American and broader Latino experience in the United States. Through its courses, publications, conferences, speakers and other programs and activities, CMAS has been at the forefront of bringing insight and understanding about the country's growing Mexican American community.

As the student population became more diverse in the 1970s, members of the U of H Mexican American Youth Organization, MAYO, saw a need for courses that would include the history, culture, folklore, political behavior and salient social issues of Mexican Americans. This student group encouraged the administration to establish such a program and in the fall of 1972, CMAS was created. The courses included in the program work to counter stereotypes and convey the many contributions that people of Mexican descent have made to our great nation.

CMAS has become an academic program focused on advancing knowledge, promoting critical thinking and fostering the value of service to the community, and has expanded beyond the classroom by providing mechanisms to increase the number of Mexican Americans and other Latino students on the U of H campus and develop true leaders.

As a center for intellectual thought and leadership development, CMAS has advanced the Mexican American community on campus, enhanced understanding of the Mexican American experience, and built linkages to the broader Latino community in Houston and throughout the state of Texas. On the 40th anniversary of the Center for Mexican American Studies, I rise to honor the work and accomplishments of this program.

HONORING THE CLAREMONT HOTEL'S 2012 SUMMER LECTURE AND CONCERT SERIES

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Claremont Hotel in Southwest Harbor, Maine, for its continued commitment to showcasing world-renowned lecturers and talented performers each summer. Since 1884, the Claremont has provided a getaway for travelers across the world and a gateway

to Bar Harbor, Mount Desert Island, and Acadia National Park.

Every summer, the Claremont brings knowledgeable and interesting lecturers and talented performers to the Maine Coast to share their insights and gifts with native Mainer and tourist alike.

Please join me in honoring each of the Claremont Hotel's 2012 summer lecturers for their contributions to this year's successful program: Nancy Wetzel, Landscape Gardener and Garden Historian for the Sarah Orne Jewett House, "Shoals & Tidewater: Thaxter's Island Garden to Tyson's River Garden"; William Bigelow, M. Div., Student of Jungian Psychoanalysis, C.G. Jung Institute of Boston, "Shadow and Light: Carl Jung, and the Opposites That Dwell Within Each of Us"; Susan Danly, Senior Curator, Portland Museum of Art, "Apogees: Mount Desert and Katahdin in the Art and Life of Frederic Edwin Church"; Tom Hayward, Humanities Reference Librarian at Bates College, "George Gershwin, 1898–1937: A Sampling of His Music from the Year of His Death"; Walter Butts, Poet Laureate of New Hampshire, "The Language of Cinema: Techniques of Image and Composition in Poetry & Film"; David Hanna, Author, Knights of the Sea, "Knights of the Sea: The True Story of the Boxer and the Enterprise and the War of 1812"; Peter Der Manuelian, Phillip J. King Professor of Egyptology at Harvard University, "The Giza Pyramids in 3D: Ancient Egypt and the Harvard—MFA Expedition"; Dr. Ralph Nurnberger, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University and Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, "The Potential of a Nuclear Iran in the New Middle East"; and David Arnold, a freelance writer, photographer of coral reefs, and web video producer of travel/adventure stories targeted to newspapers, magazines, and websites, "Climate Change: Photographing the Reality Above and Below the Waterline."

The hotel also welcomed many talented performers this summer. Please join me in recognizing Anastasia Antonacos, classical Pianist and founder of the Bayside Trio; the Hot Club of Portland; the Acadia Chamber Players; the Thomas Snow Trio; Jerks of Grass; and Judith Gordon, classical pianist and assistant Professor of music at Smith College.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Claremont and its guests on a wonderful 2012 summer season.

RECOGNITION OF SAM F. HAMRA

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam F. Hamra.

On October 11, Legal Services of Southern Missouri (LSSM) will dedicate their new building, the "Sam F. Hamra Center for Justice." It is my hope that this building will help LSSM provide services to Missourians for many years to come.

Born in Steele, Missouri, Sam attended the Gulf Coast Military Academy in Mississippi and went on to receive both business and law degrees from the University of Missouri. After receiving his first degree, he served as an offi-

cer in the United States Army Field Artillery and Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. After his service he returned to the University of Missouri to pursue his law degree and began practicing law in Springfield, Missouri. He would later become the city attorney for Nixa and the governmental relations attorney for Branson and St. Robert.

As an alumnus of the University of Missouri he has been honored with the MU Law School Citation of Merit Award in 2003 and the Missouri University 2003 Distinguished Service Award which was named for the Outstanding Alumni of the Year. In 2012 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Tiger Award from the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Missouri Alumni Association for his "dedication and continued support of the University of Missouri." He also received the "M" letter from Athletic Director, Mike Alden, and Assistant Athletic Director, John Kadlec, of the MU Athletic Department.

In 1976 Sam was elected as the first Chairman of the Board of the newly formed Legal Aid Association of Greene County, MO, known today as the Legal Services of Southern Missouri, LSSM. The Legal Aid Association was created to help low income citizens whose legal needs would otherwise be unmet. Under Sam's leadership, LSSM helped thousands of Missourians throughout 43 counties.

In addition to Sam's accomplishments in the legal field, he is the proprietor of 75 restaurants across the country, including 28 Wendy's restaurants in Missouri. In 2009 Wendy's International honored Sam with their highest honor, the R. David Thomas Founder's Award, for being named the outstanding Wendy's Franchisee of the Year.

Sam served on numerous boards among them the Foundation Board of Ozark Technical Community College, the Board of Cox Health Systems, the Board of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, and Chairman of the Highway Committee of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce in 1977 when he was instrumental in expanding Chestnut Expressway from two lanes to four lanes from Highway 65 to Kansas Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, Sam F. Hamra's contributions to the City of Springfield and the State of Missouri are far-reaching, and it is an honor to recognize him.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

IN RECOGNITION OF SIRVART HOVNANIAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sirvart Hovnanian for her dedication and commitment to furthering issues of importance to the local community. A dedicated and loving wife and mother, Sirvart Hovnanian truly exemplifies what it is to live the American dream.

Sirvart Hovnanian was instrumental, along with her late husband, Kevork Hovnanian, in advocating for issues of importance to the Armenian community. Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Stepanos Church in Elberon, New Jersey. Sirvart played a critical role in the conception and construction of St.

Stepanos Church. In addition, she was also heavily involved in charitable causes, including founding and overseeing the Fund for Armenian relief, an organization dedicated to the advancement of a market economy and providing education and financial assistance for children in post-Soviet Armenia.

Sirvart and her husband, Kevork, turned personal tragedy into hope and inspiration. Both Mrs. and Mr. Hovnanian were instrumental in the creation of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Room at the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey. Understanding the importance of giving back to the community, Sirvart was also heavily involved in the creation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at the Jersey Shore Medical Center, as well as funding the construction of the cardiac care wing of the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. All of her charitable work and giving back to the community was done without sacrificing her obligations to her family. Sirvart Hovnanian is the proud mother of five children, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of four.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Sirvart Hovnanian. Her humble disposition and commitment to her family and community truly make her deserving of this body's recognition.

RECALCITRANT CANCER RESEARCH ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 733, the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012, and to thank the bill's sponsors, Representatives ESHOO and LANCE for all of their work on this legislation.

This bill is crucial to the search for a cure for pancreatic and other deadly cancers and it is important to everyone whose life has been touched by the deadly disease—those suffering now, survivors, and of course the loved ones that cancer leaves in its wake.

This bill is a great first step to addressing some significant scientific challenges.

A diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is all too often a death sentence. It is the only major cancer that carries with it a 5 year survival rate of just 6 percent—a statistic that has not improved in the last 40 years.

Sadly, cases are projected to rise if we do nothing. It's the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and there are no proven early detection methods. In fact, a typical narrative is that a patient feels not quite right. She goes in for an unrelated problem or illness, often difficult to diagnose. It can be weeks or months before the cause—pancreatic cancer—is identified.

I am all too familiar with that story. It is my mother's.

My mother fought a brave, years-long battle with pancreatic cancer, ultimately succumbing to the disease last year. There is nothing that I wouldn't have done to help her, but there is nothing I could have done to save her. When she was diagnosed, as now, there were no proven early detection and treatment methods.

We simply must reverse these statistics. The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act will help do just that—it calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework to deal with these types of cancers.

By defining a roadmap for success and creating a strategy for research in this area, we can begin the process of reversing the abysmal statistics.

Cancer is not partisan, and neither is this bill—with over 290 bipartisan cosponsors, I am thrilled to see this bill move forward. It is time to address these issues and really make a difference in pancreatic cancer and other resistant cancers.

HONORING JOHN RONALD “JACK” SCHUFREIDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a true American patriot, Mr. John Ronald “Jack” Schufreider, who is in Washington this week with other World War II veterans. Mr. Schufreider has already lived a full life: he is a husband, a father, a World War II veteran, and so much more. He is the epitome of the “greatest generation.”

Born in Chicago and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, Jack Schufreider left home to serve his country shortly after turning eighteen years of age in 1944. He was sent to the Pacific theater, where he served in the Field Artillery as a radio operator. After spending time in the Philippines, Jack was assigned to a unit and spent time interviewing soldiers who had been interred as prisoners of war under the Japanese.

When Jack Schufreider returned home after the war, he resolved to live a good life. With the help of the G.I. Bill he enrolled at Northwestern University, earning a degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he spent time as a salesman before he contributed almost thirty years of his life to the Channer Corporation—rising up to an executive position before retiring.

Jack saw remarkable success in the business world, and has seen similar success in his private life. He married his wife, Marjorie, and they have been together for over fifty five years. Over the course of those decades, they raised seven children, and I know they are quite proud of their twenty four grandchildren, and first great grandchild.

Today, Jack and his wife remain active members of the community. They are parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church, and Jack continues to sing in the church choir. They regularly travel abroad and are very involved in community activities.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Jack Schufreider for all that he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and the fruits of many decades of hard work. I want to welcome him and all the other veterans participating in the “Honor Flights” to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

IN HONOR OF LYNN BRAVEWOMON

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynn Bravewomon, a resident of Hayward, California. Lynn was recently honored for her outstanding efforts to eliminate homophobic behavior and bullying in Hayward schools. On September 29, 2012, Ms. Bravewomon received the annual Pryor Conrad Award from GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality of Alameda County) for her exemplary efforts.

The Pryor Conrad Award is presented to an individual or group for outstanding service to the LGBT community. As the 2012 award recipient, Ms. Bravewomon exceeded all the qualifications.

Lynn Bravewomon has been actively supporting students, teachers and the Hayward community for over 20 years, working tirelessly for a safe school environment for LGBT students. She has made significant contributions to achieve this goal.

Her contributions include creating Safe Learning Environments for LGBT students; authoring a resolution for No Name-Calling Week and the use of inclusive curricula; facilitating the committee developing the current Hayward Unified School District's Safe and Inclusive School Program; establishing No-Name Calling Week, Ally Week and Day of Silence as annual district-wide events affecting more than 15,000 students each year; facilitating the development of a 9th grade health curriculum that addresses standards related to healthy relationships, inclusive of sexual orientation and all gender expression; producing the film “GSA Students Speak Out for School” in collaboration with the Middle School Film Club; providing support for Gay Straight Alliances for middle and high schools and developing a manual for Ally Clubs for elementary schools and participating in the creation of the Hayward Unified School District's Equity Action Plan.

I have listed a few of Ms. Bravewomon's many outstanding contributions. She has truly made a difference in the lives of others through her tireless commitment and exemplary efforts. Her service is a model to follow. I join Lynn Bravewomon's friends, colleagues and admirers in appreciation for her advocacy on behalf of students, teachers and the Hayward community for a safe school environment for LGBT students.

BARRY E. CONWAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of 2012 Barry Conway will retire as Commandant of the New Hampshire State Veterans Home after forty years of faithful service in health care administration. Mr. Conway began his career as a Corpsman with the United States Air Force serving from 1960–1964. Soon after leaving the Air Force, he pursued his post-secondary education in Rhode Island, before