

fair and just immigration reform to keep families together and create pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

Throughout her distinguished career, Jane has been recognized both locally and nationally. In 2009 she was named to the "Forward 50" list of those "leading the American Jewish community into the 21st century". She is a current board member of CAN-TV, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights, and the Shalom Center. In the past, she has also served her community by working with the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as a commissioner for Private Industry Council, PIC, the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

For thirty years, Jane's work has changed the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities throughout Chicago. Her work has empowered Jews of all ages, brought together individuals of different faiths, and given a voice to those who would otherwise have gone unheard. I have been privileged to work with Jane over the years on several issues and projects and feel fortunate to call her a treasured friend. I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for her decades of work and lifelong commitment to social justice, empowerment, and human rights and in wishing her well.

HONORING PEARL ALICE MARSH,  
PhD

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh of California as she retires from a distinguished career in academia, public service and advocacy for both the United States and throughout Africa. Emerging from humble roots to become the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Marsh continues to be an inspiring trailblazer.

Dr. Marsh's prolific career includes a decade of service as Senior Professional Staff for Africa on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Yet, Dr. Marsh's long record of activism is at the heart of her call to service. Playing a role in some of the defining civil and human rights movements of our time, Dr. Marsh spoke out for non-discriminatory Fair Housing in California and helped drive the Civil Rights, Students, Health Rights, Women's and African Liberation movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s. This bold activism was part of an engine for enormous social and political change, and Dr. Marsh's passion for social justice went on to inform every aspect of her long career.

Pearl Alice Marsh began her career as a social worker and advisor to the Oak Park Neighborhood Council Member in Sacramento, CA, in 1968. Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, she held many key positions

driving efforts to strengthen the response of California communities to mental health issues, including joining the University of California, Berkeley to coordinate health administration and planning seminars for the Neighborhood Health Seminars Project and becoming the Associate Director of Mental Health Planning at Northern Alameda County.

Yet, in 1986, Dr. Marsh turned her attention back to academia and her studies of Africa, accepting a position as Program Director of Berkeley's Center for African Studies. In 1993, she moved to Washington, DC, to put her academic skills into policy practice as the Senior Research Associate for International Affairs at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In this critical role, Dr. Marsh developed and convened a series of multi-party forums in the run-up to the South African elections, which saw the election of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of the newly racially-integrated South Africa. She later became Executive Director at the Africa Policy Information Center, where she supervised the development of the Advocacy Network for Africa, a network of over 60 human rights, advocacy and humanitarian organizations working to raise the level of understanding and attention to current events in Africa through key policymakers.

In the years that followed, Dr. Marsh employed her ample knowledge and expertise to help guide Congressional policy as Senior Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Domestic Policy for Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. And, for the next decade, from 2000 to 2011, Dr. Marsh served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs where she reported to consecutive chairmen and helped to develop two key pieces of legislation—the U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003 that created PEPFAR and the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003, which has helped to provide AIDS treatment for more than 6.6 million people around the world.

In the final chapter of her professional career, Dr. Marsh returned to her activist roots, assuming the position of Director of U.S. Policy and Global Health at the ONE Campaign, where she developed an advocacy plan to scale up African co-financing of their national health needs.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh, I salute you. I am proud to call you a colleague, a former constituent, but most importantly my friend. Thank you for your countless contributions to the struggle for equal opportunity and for your manifold commitment to teaching, advocating and producing groundbreaking U.S. foreign policy in the fight against global poverty and disease. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

RECOGNIZING CANNON'S CATERING FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Mississippi Delta, minority-owned business, Cannon's Catering. Owned and operated by Bobby and Della Cannon, Cannon's Catering was started by Della Cannon when she was just a high school student.

Originally, she wanted to use her culinary expertise to earn extra money by baking cakes and preparing refreshments for small parties held by family and friends. What started as an after school job transcended into a lucrative catering business; preparing meals for family reunions, class reunions, weddings, office parties as well as a host of other functions.

Cannon's Catering primary goal is to meet the needs of its customers. As a result, they take incredible pride in their work by paying close attention to details, providing excellent customer service, and creating a menu suitable for the occasion. The secret to their longevity has been their undeniable commitment to customer service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cannon's Catering for their entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellent customer service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUZANNE AND JEFFREY CITRON

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron for their tireless efforts and work with the community. As co-founders of the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne and Jeffrey have dedicated much time and effort to philanthropy.

Founded in 1999, the Charles Lafitte Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals live a more well rounded life. Under the leadership of Suzanne and Jeffrey, the Charles Lafitte Foundation helps and supports individuals and organizations in several areas, including support for children's advocacy, education, medical research and initiatives, as well as the arts. The Charles Lafitte Foundation holds numerous events each year in their attempt to further their ability to reach those in need.

Much of both Suzanne's and Jeffrey's philanthropic success is rooted in their background in the private sector, where both have ample experience leading successful private enterprises. Suzanne served as CEO of New World Aviation, a small aircraft company co-founded by both herself and Jeffrey. Jeffrey co-founded the telecommunications company Vonage in 2001, served as CEO of Vonage from 2001–2006, and is currently chairman of the board of directors. Besides her work in the private sector and with the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne for the past several years has served on the American Cancer Society Advisory Board of the Jersey Shore.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County in honoring their work this evening. Both Suzanne and Jeffrey are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

**GOOD EGG BREAKFAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker: I rise today to recognize and honor the Good Egg Breakfast on its 50th anniversary. The first Good Egg Breakfast, GEB, was held in April 1963 at the Sportsmen of Stanislaus Clubhouse. Today, the event is billed as the world's longest running egg promotion breakfast.

Original cosponsors of the GEB were Stanislaus and San Joaquin County area poultrymen and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was added as a cosponsor, and the poultrymen evolved into the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association and the California Poultry Federation. Today, the four entities that plan and execute the breakfast are the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, California Poultry Federation, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Federation. The Good Egg Committee is made up of members from the aforementioned sponsors.

The original GEB award was given to an area resident singled out for their outstanding contributions to agriculture. The breakfast also kicked off Farm-City Days in Stanislaus County. The breakfast now includes recognition not only of agriculturists but also those from every walk of life who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service for the benefit of the community. Mr. Good Egg of 1970, Governor Ronald Reagan, is the most famous of past honorees. In 1981, the Good Egg of the Year award was renamed the "Fred C. Price Good Egg of the Year Award," in honor of farm advisor Fred Price.

The GEB also awards scholarship stipends to local Modesto Junior College students who epitomize a "Good Egg"—someone who gives back to the community.

The following is a list of all the Good Egg recipients for the past 50 years: 1963—Joe Domecq; 1964—John G. Veneman; 1965—Ernest Tarone; 1966—William Ulm; 1967—Richard Lyng; 1968—Joe Hart; 1969—Milton Kidd; 1970—Ronald Reagan; 1971—Fred G. Thiemann; 1972—Romain Stewart; 1973—John Keefe; 1974—Dan Kelsay; 1975—Frank Espinola; 1976—Clare Berryhill; 1977—Donald West; 1978—George Biddle; 1979—John Thurman; 1980—Norton Coleman; 1981—Mathew Fiscalini; 1982—Max Foster; 1983—Paul Lavine; 1984—Bill Lyons, Sr.; 1985—Peggy Mensinger; 1986—Larry Banks; 1987—John De Boer; 1988—Larry Can; 1989—Larry Hooker; 1990—Grant Lucas; 1991—Bette Belle Smith; 1992—James S. West; 1993—Ernie Gemperle; 1994—Roland Starn; 1995—Henry Voss; 1996—Bob Benson; 1997—Stan Hodges; 1998—Ray Simon; 1998—Genie Zehrung; 1999—Tony Cobarrubia; 2000—George House; 2001—Dr. George West;

2002—Nick Blom; 2003—Willis D. "Woody" Woodward, D.V.M.; 2004—Saxon Downs; 2005—Shirley Jorgensen; 2006—Bill Lyons, Jr.; 2007—Carol Whiteside; 2008—Gary West; 2009—Dr. Mark Bender; 2010—Dr. Richard Breitmeyer; 2011—Reverend Vernon Deatherege; 2011—Barbara Deatherege, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Good Egg Breakfast for 50 years of promoting eggs, agriculture, and community service.

**RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA**

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central High School in Morgan Hill, California, which is located in my congressional district.

A quality education is the cornerstone of our children's and country's future. A strong educational system ensures that we will remain competitive in an ever growing and interconnected world. We must demand the best from students, excellence from teachers, and the involvement of parents and communities. Central High School is emblematic of the rewards of hard work.

Central High's dedication and commitment to quality education has been a model for schools throughout California. The hard work of everyone involved at the school, including teachers, students, and administrators is evident in its exceptional 158 point improvement in the state's Academic Performance Index. This success shows what can be achieved when all stakeholders work together with a focused goal, and is something that will benefit these students their entire lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the improvements, accomplishments, and dedication to academic excellence at Central High School.

**HONORING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR IRA MARKS**

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ira Marks for his dedicated leadership and service to the Borough of Fair Lawn, a community that I have the pleasure of representing in New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District. At the end of the year Ira will be retiring from his position as Director and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough, a position he has held since 2006. Mr. Marks is a dedicated public servant and I am pleased to recognize him as he completes his distinguished career.

Mr. Marks first began working in the Office of Emergency Management in 1997. Since then he has served as Local Emergency Planning Committee President, Shelter Coordi-

nator, Deputy Coordinator, and Emergency Management Coordinator. He has been integral in restoring the borough after several natural disasters, including flooding from Hurricane Irene, and assisting in medical training. Mr. Marks has demonstrated his talent for combining community service with his training and knowledge of the health field to improve the Office of Emergency Management.

Furthermore, Ira Marks has served as a volunteer for the Borough of Fair Lawn since 1978 while working in the private sector. He spent 21 years in the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, donating his time and holding the offices of Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Trustee. Among his many accomplishments, Ira aided in obtaining a grant for 10 automated external defibrillators for the training of Fair Lawn police officers. Ira was recognized for his excellent work when he was awarded the Distinguished Volunteer Service Cross in 1995, as well as the Hackensack Medical Center Award for EMS Excellence of Life Saving in 1998.

Ira is a graduate of Monmouth University in New Jersey, a veteran of the Army National Guard, and a wonderful New Jerseyman. His extraordinary dedication to public service is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Ira Marks for his tremendous service to our community. I join with the grateful residents of the Borough of Fair Lawn in thanking him for his innumerable contributions to our community. His leadership and dedication to service have improved the lives of many and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

**RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the charitable, nonprofit organization, Christian Volunteer Service.

Christian Volunteer Service, CVS, is an organization that has been active in Claiborne County, Mississippi, for 31 years. Founded in January 1981 by Don and Jeannette Mahoney, Christian Volunteer Service began their work in the community by providing practical aid for citizens that were sick and confined to their home. The services included home visits, preparation of meals and feeding, bathing and light household cleaning.

Later, they partnered with Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers meals free of charge to the elderly, to continue their philanthropic efforts; Christian Volunteer Service began providing roundtrip transportation for medical appointment for the elderly throughout the Port Gibson, Vicksburg and Jackson areas. Christian Volunteer Service has a stellar record for serving over 12,500 families, repairing over 1,600 homes and spending over \$700,000 on the needy with the help of dedicated volunteers and supporters over the past years.

The volunteers of Christian Volunteer Service are dedicated to working with local churches and residents in the county to provide care