

right to vote to all citizens. This attack showed the world the insensitivity and brutality of opponents to voting rights and, ultimately, led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

Through the vision and work of Rose and Hank Sanders and their work through the Museum and Jubilee, thousands of Alabama children, residents, tourists and others from around our country and the world have learned about the courageous acts of those who marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and others who have fought to advance the struggle to gain the civil and voting rights we now enjoy.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me and my colleague JOHN LEWIS as we commend the efforts of Rose and Hank Sanders and the important work they have done to advance justice, equality and the right to vote in the United States.

RECOGNIZING NARFE CHAPTER  
1270 OF WOODBRIDGE FOR ITS  
EFFORTS TO FUND ALZHEIMER'S  
RESEARCH

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chapter 1270 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) in Woodbridge, Virginia, and to commend its members for raising \$16,552 for Alzheimer's disease research in 2011.

Founded in 1921, NARFE is the only membership organization solely dedicated to leading an advocacy effort to protect and preserve the benefits of federal workers and retirees. The national organization consists of more than 1,300 chapters nationwide with more than 300,000 members. Chapter 1270 has more than 750 members that make up an active and robust chapter in eastern Prince William County.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease and is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. Currently, 5.4 million Americans are living with the disease, and projections estimate that as many as 16 million Americans will suffer from Alzheimer's in 2050. This illness also has profound impacts on families and caregivers. More than 60% of caregivers rate the emotional stress of caregiving as very high and one-third report symptoms of depression.

Since 1985, NARFE has raised nearly \$10 million and funded 56 research projects dedicated to Alzheimer's disease research. The NARFE Virginia Federation of Chapters (VFC) was recognized as the top fundraising Federation in the country at the 32nd Biennial National NARFE Convention in Sparks, Nevada, on August 26, 2012. Luther Santiful, VFC President, William Shackelford, Past VFC President and Donna Shackelford, VFC Alzheimer's Chair, accepted the honor at the opening ceremonies of the convention. During 2011, the VFC raised an incredible \$85,555.

The VFC and Chapter 1270 are national standouts in Alzheimer's fundraising. The VFC has led NARFE Federations in Alzheimer's fundraising for nine out of the last ten years. Chapter 1270 was the top fundraiser for the

VFC in each of the last ten years, and it raised the second highest amount nationwide for the second year in a row.

The Federal Government is an active partner in the battle against Alzheimer's. The National Institute on Aging is the primary Federal agency supporting and conducting Alzheimer's disease research and has worked closely with the Alzheimer's Association to identify and standardize strategies for earlier diagnosis and develop effective treatment and prevention. This is an investment that must continue; if nothing is done, the economic toll of Alzheimer's is estimated to exceed \$1 trillion in less than 40 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Woodbridge Chapter 1270 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association on this fundraising milestone. I extend my personal appreciation to the members of Chapter 1270 and to members of NARFE nationwide for their continued public service and their commitment to finding a cure for this devastating disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANGEL  
GOMEZ

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angel Gomez for selfless service to our community. He has helped thousands of people through his non-profit, Operation HOPE (Helping Other People Endure).

Selfless doesn't even begin to describe Angel Gomez.

Many lives have been touched by Angel, an appropriate name for a man with a heart the size of Texas.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he is a proud Bowie Bear Alumni and Veteran, having attended Bowie High School and later joining the United States Navy.

His real passion, other than serving his country in uniform, has always been helping others in need.

In 1995 he began volunteering his time to the community, with the support of his wife Patricia, daughter Rubi and other family members.

Seeing the growing need around him, he co-founded Operation HOPE in 2009, and he has invested his time and resources to help the El Paso community he loves so much.

Operation HOPE has allowed Angel to share his vision of community outreach with thousands of people in need. He works with community partners and volunteers who share the same values and passion for giving, and these relationships have made it possible to multiply his efforts to improve our community.

Over the past seventeen years, El Pasoans in need have received food baskets during the holidays, along with blankets, clothing, and medical supplies. Sick children who must spend much of their childhood in the hospital have received toys and gift baskets to lift their spirits. Hundreds of individuals with disabilities have received assistance with medical supplies, medications, durable medical equipment, and accessible ramps. And many families have received assistance with funeral expenses and spiritual support during their time of need.

Not only has his work brought tangible assistance to those in need, but behind each action is also something intangible, something money can't buy: hope.

On behalf of the El Paso community, I would like to thank Angel Gomez for all he has done for those in need and for the positive impact he continues to have in our community. He has restored our community's faith in the good that can be done by simply caring.

RECOGNIZING WEBB DINER FOR  
ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
COMMUNITY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman-owned minority business in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, Webb Diner. Owned and operated by Ms. Vera Williams since 1988, Webb Diner has become a true staple in the community.

Ms. Vera Williams is a native of Webb, where she has lived her entire life. Before starting her own business, Ms. Williams labored in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta and thereafter worked countless hours in its factories. In the late 1980s, Ms. Williams transformed Webb Diner, once known for its segregation practices, into an establishment that was open and welcoming to the public.

Despite obstacles Ms. Williams has shown continued dedication and resilience in providing the people of Tallahatchie County with nothing less than great service and Southern hospitality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Vera Williams and Webb Diner for their contributions to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE PI LAMBDA  
LAMBDA CHAPTER OF THE  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY,  
INC.

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for its global recognition at the Omega Psi Phi's 78th Grand Conclave. The Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter earned the honors of International Large Chapter of the Year and the International Social Action Chapter of the Year for 2010-2011.

This is the third time the chapter has been named the International Social Action Chapter of the Year since its inception in 2004. The chapter prides itself on establishing community programs to help those in need in the Prince William County community. The chapter's dedication to public and social services can be seen through its annual Coat Drive, Step Out for Diabetes, Voter Registration, and Cancer Relay for Life programs.

Earning this distinction is a testament to the chapter's dedication to community empowerment. Members of the Pi Lambda Lambda

Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have made a tremendous impact in their local community through raising \$18,963 in support of American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, raising \$7,800 in support of American Diabetes Association for Step Out to Fight Diabetes, and donating 160 toys to children in transitional housing due to domestic violence.

Omega Psi Phi's cardinal principles are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The members of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter uphold these principles by serving the community and offering a lending hand to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on their civic accomplishments. I thank the fraternity for their service-oriented goals and making a positive difference in the lives of Prince William County residents.

RECOGNIZING DR. TERRY GORDON AS THE 45TH RECIPIENT OF THE BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR HIS WORK AS A CHAMPION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual who has tirelessly advocated to save the lives of children and others by getting life-saving automated external defibrillators, AEDs, placed in schools across the nation.

Dr. Terry Gordon is the 45th recipient of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award given out each year by the Akron Community Foundation to an individual or couple who best exemplifies selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron, Ohio.

A Cleveland Clinic trained cardiologist, Dr. Gordon practiced invasive cardiology at Akron General Medical Center for over 21 years prior to his retirement. In 2000, while serving as President of the Summit County American Heart Association, a 15 year old football player at Barberton High School by the name of Josh Miller collapsed on the field and suffered sudden cardiac arrest. There was no AED on site and, sadly, Josh died of sudden cardiac arrest. The tragic loss of this young man full of promise was devastating to not only Josh's parents and family, but to the entire community.

Upon learning of this tragic loss of life and realizing the school did not have an AED on site, Dr. Gordon began raising funds to place AEDs in every junior and high school, making Summit County, Ohio, the first county of its size to do so and earning him the National Physician of the Year award for 2002 from the American Heart Association. His efforts also resulted in AEDs placed in every police, highway patrol and sheriff's vehicle in Summit County.

Dr. Gordon continued his advocacy at the state level, and in 2005 helped procure \$2.5 million from the State of Ohio, which in partnership with the American Heart Association and Akron General Medical Center, placed over 2,200 AEDs in schools throughout Ohio.

He later worked with the Ohio General Assembly to allocate an additional \$2.5 million needed to complete the task of placing 4,500 devices in Ohio schools.

In 2007, I was proud to partner with Dr. Gordon on this important mission and introduced the Josh Miller HEARTS Act. Named after the Barberton High School football player who we lost to sudden cardiac arrest, the bill establishes a grant program to get automated external defibrillators into elementary and secondary schools across the nation. The Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives in both the 110th and 111th Congress and is pending action in the 112th Congress.

In addition to his work advocating for AEDs in schools, Dr. Gordon remains actively engaged in our community, serving on various volunteer boards. He was a founding member of Stewart's Caring Place, a facility of wellness for those with cancer and their loved ones. He has been a member of The Youth Motivational Task Force for many years, has been a long-standing board member of the American Heart Association and is co-host of 'Docs Who Rock', a fundraiser for the Summit County United Way. Dr. Gordon is also an accomplished author, whose work includes the book No Storm Lasts Forever.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the selfless dedicated service of Dr. Terry Gordon and in congratulating him on receiving the 45th Polsky Humanitarian Award.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RYAN SAVARD

### HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class Ryan J. Savard, who was killed in action on October 13, 2012, while on patrol in Khanabad District, Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, mother, father and numerous friends.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sgt. 1st Class Savard moved to Arizona where he attended Buena High School in Sierra Vista before joining the Army in 2001 to work on helicopters. Over the course of his career, Sgt. 1st Class Savard worked with the Special Forces and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command based at Fort Bragg, NC. He was on his fifth Special Forces deployment to Afghanistan, not including a previous deployment to Iraq in 2003.

We will remember Sgt. 1st Class Savard as an exceptional soldier. Over his career he earned more than a dozen honors including two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, three Army Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, four Army Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, a Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. For his bravery in action, he was awarded a Defense

Meritorious Service Medal, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star posthumously.

I ask the House of Representatives to join with me in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. 1st Class Savard. All who live in this great nation owe Sgt. 1st Class Savard and his family a debt of gratitude for he has paid the ultimate price for our safety and security. His sacrifice reminds us of all of our men and women in uniform who are in harm's way each day whom we must keep in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember Sgt. 1st Class Savard for his courage and selfless sacrifice.

HONORING KNAUS SAUSAGE HOUSE ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Knaus Sausage House on their 100th anniversary this year. It is my honor to join with the Kimball community in celebrating the dedication and services that this company has provided and continues to provide.

Three generations have been involved with this business and the fourth generation is already involved. Over the last 100 years, the Knaus Sausage House has grown to include groceries, a deli, and a bakery. The family's outstanding efforts in providing great service and great products are what make this a growing, viable business as they keep up with changing times. Many farmers and hunters depend on the market to do custom processing and cut meat for them. The Knaus Sausage House services are a valuable asset to the community and their long-term dedication does not go unnoticed.

It is small businesses including Knaus Sausage House that help communities flourish in America today. Mr. Speaker, please join with me in congratulating Knaus Sausage House on their 100th anniversary.

HONORING THE FAKLIS' 100 YEARS IN TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Faklis family of Tarpon Springs, Florida, on the 100th anniversary of Faklis' Department Store and Shoe Repair Service. Throughout their many decades in the United States, the Faklis family has lived the American dream, applying hard work and determination to create a successful small business in our community.

In 1909, two young brothers—Nikita and Nicola Papafakis—arrived in America from Symi, Greece, in search of a better life for themselves and their families. Shortly thereafter, another brother, Vasile, arrived in America. Vasile and Nikita soon settled in Tarpon Springs and established their own small business. This small business opened as a custom shoe maker. The business evolved into a