

and injuries at railroad crossings and along railroad rights of way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join in thanking Joyce Rose for her years of service to the U.S. Congress and our Nation. We wish her well in her new career at Operation Lifesaver.

ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAEL FROM GAZA

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong solidarity with the people of Israel and in support of its right, as any sovereign nation, to defend its citizens against rocket attacks from Hamas, a terrorist organization dedicated to Israel's destruction. The rocket attacks launched from the Hamas-controlled Gaza strip earlier this month against civilian targets in Israel, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, continued a reign of terror that includes over 800 rocket attacks this year alone.

Several years ago, I traveled to Israel. It was clear that the constant threat of violence was a harsh reality of everyday life. Israel's efforts to eliminate this threat to her people, stop these attacks by Hamas, and destroy stockpiles of missiles must be viewed in this context. We grieve for the innocent civilians—Israeli and Palestinian alike—who have lost their lives in this tragedy. We appeal to Hamas to honor the ceasefire it agreed to on November 21, 2012; adhere to its terms; and stop storing and using its weapons among a civilian population, putting their lives in grave danger.

We also appeal for peace, and we hope those countries in the region that can help end the conflict will continue to work with us to do so. Our goal is a world where a Palestinian state and a Jewish state of Israel live side by side in peace and security. It can only happen when the Palestinian people enforce a peace that stops attacks on Israel, keeps their commitments, and acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

America stands firmly behind our friend and ally Israel; Hamas must permanently end its aerial assault against Israeli civilians and its allies must cease supplying these weapons of terror.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF IRVING ON ITS RECEIPT OF THE MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Irving, Texas, for being named a recipient of the 2012 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence.

Irving, Texas, is the first city in Texas to ever receive the Baldrige Award, and is only the second municipal recipient in the distin-

guished program's 25-year history. Applicants were evaluated by an independent board of examiners in seven areas defined by the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence: leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; operations focus; and results. The evaluation process for each of the recipients included hundreds of hours of process review and an on-site visit by a team of examiners.

I commend the City of Irving, Texas, for adopting private sector programs to make government more efficient and for striving towards performance excellence through innovation, continuous improvement, and visionary leadership. The City of Irving is a Lone Star model of fiscal achievement, values its resident feedback, focuses on strategic planning and process efficiency, and prioritizes public safety initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my respected colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Irving, Texas, for being awarded the Malcolm Baldrige Award National Quality Award.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICERS KEVIN BOWDEN AND ADRIAN MORRIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, since August of this year, the people of Prince George's County, Maryland, have lost two of their finest. Tragically, in separate incidents, two Prince George's County police officers were killed in car crashes. Both men served with distinction and were dedicated to keeping our communities safe.

On August 20, while he and his partner were in a high-speed pursuit of a suspect in an attempted car theft, Officer Adrian Morris's police cruiser veered off of the Capital Beltway near Laurel, Maryland. Adrian was killed in the line of duty, and his partner, Mike Risher, severely injured. An immigrant originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Adrian wanted to be a police officer since a young age. While attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, he participated in the Prince George's County Police "Explorers" program, which helps young people learn about and prepare for careers in law enforcement. Adrian achieved his dream by joining the Prince George's County Police Department's Sixth District in 2010. When he was killed this past August, Adrian was only 23 years old. His mother, Sherrin Crosdale, and a younger brother survive him.

In a second, tragic setback to the men and women of the Prince George's County Police Department, on October 18 an accident took another officer's life. Off-duty Officer Kevin Donnell Bowden was headed home in his police cruiser after a shift when he was killed in a crash in Clinton, Maryland. Kevin had been with the force for six years, serving at the Oxon Hill station. His colleagues remembered him as a steady officer with a sense of humor who loved his job. Kevin grew up in the area and graduated from Surratsville High School. He loved football and was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Kevin, who was 28 years old, was also a devoted father of sons DeAndre and Joshua and daughter Mahogany.

The loss of these two outstanding officers was a terrible blow to the Prince George's County Police Department and to all who call the County home. Adrian Morris and Kevin Bowden represent the finest tradition of service to our communities, and they will be sorely missed. I join in mourning their passing and in comforting their families and communities during this difficult time, and I am confident that their memories will inspire young people to follow in their footsteps in service to county, state, and country.

CONGRATULATING JINSA ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GENERALS AND ADMIRALS TRIP TO ISRAEL

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and their continued excellence in providing American military leaders with an unparalleled look at the challenges facing Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East. JINSA's annual Generals and Admirals Trip to Israel offers recently retired American generals and admirals the opportunity to consult with Israel's senior political and military leadership on the persistent threats Israel faces across its borders and the shared threats our countries face in the region.

America has a long standing commitment to the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship, a unique bond forged by shared interests and shared democratic values. No country in the tumultuous region stands aligned with our ideals more than Israel. Amid a rising tide of radicalism and violent extremism in the region it is imperative that the United States stand by her ally and ensure that Israel can maintain its Qualitative Military Edge so that threats to Israeli and American security will be answered with strength and resolve. America's military and intelligence cooperation has proven successful and our joint missile defense efforts such as Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow have saved lives from the rockets launched into Israel from the Gaza Strip. These collaborations have also prevented weapon smuggling in the Sinai Peninsula and have effectively protected Israel against terrorism.

Unfortunately, as Iran expands its influence in the region, the threat of terrorism and conflict grows. Iran's radical mullahs call for death and destruction of Israel, America, and all that we stand for. Iran also continues their longstanding efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and today they are closer than ever to a nuclear bomb. The sanctions we have implemented have impacted Iran's economy, but Iran's leaders remain undeterred from their pursuit of their dangerous goal and continue to support various terrorist factions such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Taliban. Iran's leaders are also strategic patrons of Syrian Dictator Bashar Assad, a brutal despot and sponsor of terrorism whose violent suppression of his own citizens has fueled sectarian conflict and extremism in violence in Syria. The United States must act as a global leader in order to thwart Iran's nuclear capabilities, combat their terrorist proxies, and ensure that the security of the United States, Israel, and our Arab allies is assured.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing JINSA for another successful trip that seeks to solidify our nation's support for Israel, with whom we share a commitment to freedom, a respect for human life, and a commitment to security. Global security depends on strong U.S. leadership. The U.S. must stand tall for Israel, now more than ever, and must not abandon our ally at a time of enormous instability in the region.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TIME WARNER'S NY1

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Time Warner's NY1 News and honor their commitment to serving the people of New York City as the only city-wide 24-hour local news channel.

NY1 has become a New York institution, part of the fabric of daily life for millions across the five boroughs of New York City. Since its debut on September 8, 1992, New Yorkers have come to depend on NY1's credible, accurate and thorough reporting on the stories and issues we care about.

Born out of Time Warner Cable's commitment to providing New Yorkers with comprehensive information about the city in which we live, NY1 continues to live up to the mandate to cover the stories big and small, the major events and breaking news as well as the neighborhood and community stories that make the city tick.

New Yorkers have come to depend on NY1 to stay informed with segments including the NY1 Minute, In the Papers, Weather on the 1s, Rail and Road, and From the Floor. NY1 also offers exclusive quality programming such as Inside City Hall, NY1's required nightly viewing for everyone in the political world, or On Stage, which provides a unique perspective on the latest shows on Broadway. In 2003 Time Warner added NY1 Noticias. Modeled after NY1 News it provides a strong emphasis on New York City news, politics and culture from a Hispanic perspective.

Mr. Speaker, this past September 8th, NY1 celebrated its 20th anniversary. Please join me in honoring Time Warner and NY1 News for its commitment to providing quality local news programming to New Yorkers whenever they want it. We should celebrate the benefits NY1's service provides as an indispensable community asset in New York City.

IN TRIBUTE OF BERT AND JANE BOECKMANN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to two exceptional people my wife, Janice, and I are honored to call our friends, Bert and Jane Boeckmann, who have contributed much to our world as extraordinary entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and volunteers.

Bert Boeckmann, my friend of more than 25 years, is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of Galpin Motors, Inc. Starting from a modest background, he built an automotive empire from the ground up with hard work, integrity, vision, and a deep caring for others. For the past 22 years, Galpin has been No. 1 in Ford car and truck sales worldwide. Galpin currently ranks No. 1 in Jaguar sales worldwide and No. 1 in the Western United States for Mazda and Lincoln.

Boeckmann has been recognized nationally as the American Brand Names Foundation Retailer of the Year; is entered into the Automotive Hall of Fame; is the recipient of Time Magazine's National Dealer of the Year, given to only one of the country's 25,000 dealers each year in tribute to that dealer's customer service, sales volume, and citizenship; and has received thousands of other awards and recognitions.

Boeckmann also has been honored with countless awards for his community service and leadership locally and nationally, including The Fernando Award; the first Business "Star of the Valley" from the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley; and The Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives, the nation's highest award for entrepreneurs. As a Horatio Alger Award recipient, he is named among The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

He served nearly 17 years as a Los Angeles Police Commissioner and was the only police commissioner appointed to serve four consecutive terms under the administrations of Mayors Bradley, Riordan, and Hahn. During his tenure, he served alongside six Chiefs of Police.

His philanthropic endeavors include everything from helping the needy in his own community to building schools, playgrounds, and university libraries. He arranged for the delivery and personally helped distribute 56,000 pounds of seeds to help the Russian people survive the coming winter, and arranged for and presented a \$1 million gift of medical supplies, food, and clothing to Mother Teresa for her worldwide charities.

As President of The Prince of Peace Foundation, he presented The Prince of Peace Prize to Mother Teresa, King Hussein of Jordan (accepted posthumously by his son, King Abdullah), and, most recently, to the Reverend Dr. Billy Graham.

Bert and Jane have been married 45 years and have lovingly supported each other in their mutual and separate endeavors. Jane Boeckmann is President of the Los Angeles based-firm World of Communications, Inc., the publisher of L.A. Brides and Valley Magazine. She also serves as Treasurer of Galpin Motors and is the official Interior Designer for all their facilities. Previously she was treasurer and Interior Designer for Establishment Motor Homes. Her career also includes the role of executive producer of documentaries and docudramas for television, including the award-winning "Desperate Passage."

Among their many honors, Bert and Jane received the coveted Jack Webb Award from the Los Angeles Police Historical Society and were both honored with Honorary Doctorates from Kings College and Seminary.

In addition, Jane and Bert are the devoted parents of five children and devoted grandparents of 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Bert and Jane Boeckmann for their

extraordinary business leadership, community service, and deep commitment to humanity, and in wishing them continued success.

THE PRIDE OF ACADIANA RISES TO THE OCCASION DURING MACY'S 2012 THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Marching Band for again being selected to perform during the nationally televised annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. The band, known as the Pride of Acadiana, lived up to its name under the leadership of Doctors Brian Taylor and Gerald Waguespack.

As a proud alumnus of the University, I want to thank all band members for your hard work and excellent performance before an estimated 65 million viewers.

I specifically want to commend band member Eric Gaudet of Thibodaux, Louisiana for winning the Bob Hope Band Scholarship Award provided by Macy's and the Bob and Delores Hope Charity Foundation. Gaudet and the band received the \$10,000 prize based on Eric's musical ability, leadership, humor and community service. You gave all of us in South Louisiana another reason to be thankful as we celebrated a national holiday with friends and family.

HONORING ROBIN J. COPELAND

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robin J. Copeland, who passed away on October 30, 2011 at the young age of 46.

Ms. Copeland served this great Nation with honor and dignity for many years. She had a very distinguished career in international diplomacy, nonproliferation, and scientific engagement.

She began government service working in Russia in 1991, where she became the U.S. Department of Energy's attach at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. At the time, this was our largest Embassy in the world. She later served in Moscow with the U.S. Agency for International Development. In this role, she became the first woman and first person under the age of 50 to hold the office of Chairman of the Interagency Council. As an energy specialist, she worked on several non-proliferation programs that resulted in effectively stemming the spread of weapons of mass destruction from the former Soviet Union.

She also was successful in thwarting proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and exporting technologies and former Soviet scientists through her work as the Worldwide Director of Nonproliferation for the Civilian Research Development Foundation (CRDF) Global. And due to her expertise in non-proliferation, she took part in contractor efforts to