

Luther King Day peace walk and commemoration, ceremonies at the VFW, activities sponsored by your schools and your strong and vibrant religious institutions, and the effort many years ago to cleanup the Rouge River, which I actually got into. I am pleased at what a leader your community has become in the Veterans History Project interviewing over 200 veterans and placing their histories at the Library of Congress. And, congratulations to Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, the Superintendent of Southfield Schools, who was recently named the 2013 Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

I was proud to fight for the federal dollars needed to create the Center for Innovative Materials Research. This partnership between Lawrence Technological University, TARDEC and the Army Research Lab, was established for the research, development and testing of carbon-fiber composite materials for defense applications.

Mayor Lawrence, former mayor and current City Councilman Don Fracassi, along with all of the dedicated City Council members and other local elected officials continue to move the City of Southfield forward, and I look forward to following their success in the years to come.

As I close, I can say with confidence that the City of Southfield and its residents are in good hands with Congressman GARY PETERS. My office will, of course, stay in close touch on issues that impact Oakland County and southeast Michigan as we all work together to revitalize our Michigan economy.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WALTER NEWMAN

##### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay final tribute to a prominent San Francisco businessman, philanthropist, and civic leader: Walter Newman. San Francisco has been blessed by Walter's life, vision, leadership, and generosity. His legacy will leave an everlasting impact on our city.

Walter Newman was a third generation Californian, a dedicated patriot, and a proud American. He served our country as an Army infantry captain during World War II. He earned a Purple Heart for wounds sustained while leading his troops into Normandy. He earned the gratitude and accolades of the people of France, the recipient of that country's highest civilian honor, the Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Newman continued his service in our beloved hometown of San Francisco. As head of the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Commission, he helped lead the effort to develop major civic projects ranging from the Transamerica Pyramid to Mission Bay. As president of the San Francisco Fine Arts Museum, he was instrumental in bringing King Tut artifacts to San Francisco as one of our first great art exhibitions.

He played a vital role in the establishment of University High School in San Francisco. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the University of California, San Francisco; a member of the UCSF Conflict of Interest

Committee; and a member of the board of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation.

In a true reflection of his dedication to his fellow veterans, he served on the Board of Directors of NCIRE—The Veterans Health Research Institute, a national leader in advancing veterans' health research based in San Francisco. He helped establish a veterans' resource center at the City College of San Francisco. It is a testament to Mr. Newman's longstanding dedication to San Francisco and our veterans that UCSF will soon have a 42,000-square-foot Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mission Bay.

Walter will be remembered for his positive attitude and compassion, for his unyielding commitment to the education of our children and the health of our people, for his unending devotion to the well-being of our veterans.

He will be remembered for his exemplary will and exceptional values—for the way he inspired others to action, even in moments of his own grief. Indeed, when his son Bob tragically passed away from a malignant brain tumor, Walter responded in characteristic fashion. At a time when so many others would, understandably, turn inward with grief, he honored his son's memory by co-founding and becoming President of the National Brain Tumor Foundation—an organization that assists thousands of people suffering from brain cancer.

A cherished civic leader. A proud San Franciscan. A champion for our city, our state, and our country. This is how we will all remember Walter Newman.

Yet, as devoted as he was to civic and cultural causes in San Francisco, he was above all devoted to his beloved wife Ellen, his sons Walter Jr. and John, and brother-in-law Jerry. I hope it is a comfort to his family and loved ones that so many join them in mourning his passing.

#### HONORING COLONEL PAUL W. BRICKER

##### HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people in New York's 20th District to express our sincere appreciation for the selfless service, dedication, and sacrifice to the United States by Colonel Paul W. Bricker who retired this year after 25 years of service. As a tribute, I wish to enter the poem written by the Poet, Albert Carey Caswell, entitled "Brick by Brick."

BRICK, BY BRICK

Brick!

Brick, by Brick!

Are but built, all of those men of honor who our Nation now so picks! To so lead our magnificent men and women off to war!

Whose fine hearts, all in the midst of such hell so ever soar!

Who all so valiantly, all so charge off so forth!

Brick, by Brick!

Whose hearts are Air Borne!

Who lead with such honor and such speed!

Who take off and hover over danger, with hearts so very warm indeed!

Who crank and bank, who we all so thank. . . who our Lord so adores!

Who cry when their Brothers and Sisters In Arms so die!

Who in times of war will leave all that they so love with tears in eyes!

But, for The Greater Good they do not so ask why!

Who on the ground and in the air their fine hearts to new heights so fly!

Brick, by Brick. . . as their fine hearts are so molded to so pick!

To make those tough choices, to send magnificent heroes off to die!

Built on courage and such faith!

Whose brilliant hearts shall not so wave!

With words like Honor, Duty, and Country their foundations are all so made!

Brick, by Brick!

Showing us all how men and leaders of honor so behave!

Who each day walk by the grave!

All so to lead!

All so our nation can so succeed!

Can so live all in such peace!

As we so thank all of them and all of these!

Who Brick by Brick, but build the very bedrock of our peace!

Who are Army Strong, whose lives are like a song!

Air Borne, Colonel Bricker. . . in hearts we carry you now so very warm!

Hoo. . . oh!

—By Albert Carey Caswell

#### TO RECOGNIZE THE 2012 LIFECIRCLE ALLIANCE KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS HONOREES

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winners of the 2012 LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Awards. LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit organization based in Fairfax County, Virginia, is a leader in promoting and enabling independent living for older adults with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities, including our Wounded Warriors.

LifeCircle Alliances has formed public-private partnerships to create innovative long-term care solutions, enhance existing programs, and address workforce, mobility and transportation issues. The goal of these efforts is independence for life; ensuring that our older adults and adults with disabilities are able to live independently and with dignity in their communities of choice.

The LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Award celebration recognizes the efforts of six outstanding caregivers, who tirelessly provide dedicated care, day in and day out. The recipients of the 2012 Kudos Awards are:

Stephanie Mensh—Stephanie Mensh has been a caregiver for Mr. Paul Berger for 25 years. Additionally, she has volunteered her time supporting stroke and TBI survivors and their families. She also provides support and advice to other caregivers by hosting a support group as well as providing individual support by phone, email, and in person.

Liza Ruiz—The loving mother of two daughters, Mrs. Ruiz has been caring almost daily for her 65 year old daughter, Cynthia, who was brain injured at birth and her husband who has been diagnosed with dementia. For many years, she did this while working as a full-time employee of the federal government. Mrs. Ruiz was instrumental in helping to establish the Northern Virginia Training Center, which opened in 1973.

Maureen Renault—A dedicated and tireless caregiver, Maureen Renault has taken on the daunting task of caring for her mother, a resident at Herndon Harbor Adult Day Health Care Center. During this time Maureen has been actively involved in her mother's care at the center in addition to her needs at home.

Steven Nehl-Care-giving is an around the clock job for Mr. Nehl. He cares for his autistic son, Michael, and wife, Joanne, who is continuing to recover from two brain aneurysms. Since the time of her illness in 2008, Joanne is unable to work and Mr. Nehl may only maintain short-term positions due to the tremendous requirements of his time at home.

Cecilia Ortega-Shew—For almost two decades, Cecilia Ortega-Shew has given selflessly to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In her role as a mental health clinician and program clinical manager for Inova Juniper Group, she helps pregnant women have healthy, HIV-free babies and continues to counsel people on the difficulties of living with HIV. She inspires young staff to be better clinicians and instills in them a passion for caring for those with HIV.

Natascha Dixon Edelin—Passionate and dedicated to helping women and children in need, Natascha Dixon Edelin tirelessly works to assist the battered women of Fairfax, Virginia and honor them for their strength, courage and commitment. She partnered with the co-founders of the Duffy House in 2011 to organize the "Duffy House Day of Pampering" for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse which provided, at no charge, a much needed day of respite for approximately 50 women and 80 children. Her continued work with the Duffy House brings joy into this special community.

I congratulate this year's winners and recognize each of them for their dedication and personal sacrifices. These individuals are examples of the many caregivers who put the needs of their families, friends and colleagues above their own. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the 2012 LifeCircle Alliances awardees and in thanking the volunteers, staff, and partners of LifeCircle Alliances for their efforts in providing assistance to not only those in need of care, but to those who provide the care here in our community.

IN HONOR OF MR. LOREE SOGGS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Loree Soggs and his countless contributions to the labor communities of both the City of Cleveland and State of Ohio. Mr. Soggs has been an active member of and staunch advocate for unions and union members since he entered the workforce nearly fifty years ago.

Mr. Soggs began his affiliation with the labor community in 1964 as an operating engineer. As a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 18, he served as a business agent, apprenticeship coordinator, steward director, officer and fringe benefit fund trustee. In 1994, Mr. Soggs was elected to the office of Executive Secretary for

Cleveland's Building and Construction Trades Council (CBCTD), being the first operating engineer to hold this office in the Council's history. In his capacity as president, Mr. Soggs has successfully negotiated numerous contracts fighting for the betterment of working men and women within the community.

In addition to his dedicated work with IOUE Local 18 and the CBCTD, Mr. Soggs has also affiliated himself with numerous labor organizations and programs throughout Northeast Ohio and the State of Ohio. He has served as President of the North Shore Federation of Labor; Vice President of the Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council; Trustee of the Union Construction Industry Partnership; Chairman of the Union Construction Industry Partnership/Apprenticeship Skills Achievement Program; Executive Director of the Northern Ohio Building Trades Real Estate Investment Program; Vice President of the United Labor Agency; President of Pinzone Towers; Vice President of Lupica Towers; and Co-Chair to the Labor Initiative of United Way of Greater Cleveland. He is also a member of the Cuyahoga County/City of Cleveland Workforce Investment Board; Executive Committee of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Building Commission; Executive Committee of the Cuyahoga Democratic Party; board member of the Ohio Water Development Authority; and member of Mayor Jackson's Sustainability Cabinet.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mr. Loree Soggs who has dedicated his life and career to the labor communities of Ohio.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARGYLE  
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Argyle High School Marching Band, which has earned their 5th victory at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Marching Band contest. The Eagle Marching Band has competed six times in the UIL state marching finals, and out of those competitions, the band has achieved first place honors an astonishing five times!

The Argyle High School Marching Band's achievements are based upon the devotion and hard work that each individual student member puts into their performance, giving it their best efforts from the first hot practice in the blazing summer sun, through repeated practices, football game half-times and progressively competitive marching contests. Student leaders for the 2012 Argyle High School Marching Band are Drum Majors Randi Martin, Cameron Schafer and Lindsey Johnson. This fall, the crowning attainment for 120-plus band members was winning the UIL Class 3A championship for a third consecutive time with their remarkable program: "Moving Parts." Led by Director of Bands, Kathy Johnson and Assistant Directors, Michael Lemish, Lucy Pascasio, Evan Fletcher, and Color Guard Instructor Sarah Ross, the leadership team for the Argyle High School Marching Band is to be commended as well.

I join the citizens of Argyle, the band booster organization and band parents in congratu-

lating the Argyle High School Marching Band for their tremendous winning record. They have been excellent musical ambassadors for their school, community and the 26th District of Texas. It is my privilege to serve the administrators, teachers, staff and students of the Argyle Independent School District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

NAMING THE JESSE HELMS FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, recently I introduced a bill to rename the Century Postal Station in Raleigh, North Carolina in honor of former United States Senator Jesse Helms.

Senator Helms, North Carolina's longest serving Senator, was a genuine man who fought for what he believed. He himself said, "I didn't come to Washington to be a 'yes man' for any president, Democrat or Republican. I didn't come to Washington to get along and win any popularity contests." His steadfast nature even earned him the nickname "Senator No," to which he had no objection.

While voters would many times disagree with his policies, they always knew where he stood. Former North Carolina Senator Elizabeth Dole said, "Even those who disagreed with Jesse on an issue could respect the fact that he always stood tall and firm for his convictions, his faith, his family, and his home State of North Carolina."

Despite sometimes being a controversial figure during his 30 years in the Senate, Helms faithfully served North Carolina and its citizens. He became a leading voice in the United States Senate fighting against communism, for a balanced budget, and simplifying the tax code. He served on the Senate Agriculture Committee, where he served as chairman from 1981 to 1987, as well as the powerful Foreign Relations Committee where he served as chairman from 1995 to 2001.

His legislative work may have been controversial, but his other Congressional duties were the opposite. Constituent service in Jesse Helms' office was second to none and set a new standard. Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, he made sure the constituents he worked for received prompt attention. Helms did everything he could to be accessible to his constituents, and showed genuine kindness and consideration to every one of them. He cared about his state and his fellow citizens.

Born in Monroe, North Carolina, Helms started his career in journalism. It was in his 11 years in journalism, including working for the Raleigh News and Observer, that he met his wife, Dorothy Coble, and went on to marry her in 1942. Senator Helms' first interest in politics is said to have come from his conversations with his conservative father-in-law. Senator Helms raised his family in Raleigh, and after he retired he continued to make Raleigh his home. Helms and his wife had three children—Jane, Nancy, and Charles, a child with cerebral palsy, adopted at 9 by the Senator and his wife.

Through this experience with Charles, Senator Helms became involved with Easter Seals