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Bruce's career is a clear testament to his passion for public service, justice and our democracy and so are his commitments in his spare time. He has volunteered for a long list of organizations including the Peace Corp in Ethiopia, the Housing Leadership Council, Thrive, HEART, Meals on Wheels, Community Health Care Corporation, Work Force Investment Board and United Way in Monterey County.

Bruce was born in 1942 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He received his BS in Secondary Education and his J.D. Degree from the University of Nebraska.

He is the proud father of his son Alfred and grandfather of Ashley and Lindsey.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Hamilton personifies the old adage, "Walk a mile in my shoes." Bruce has walked many miles in the shoes of many of his clients over the years of his service to our community, and it is due to his capacity to empathize that he is being honored upon his retirement. His is a life's work well done.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONIC CHOIR

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Symphony Choir, one of our nation's most active and dynamic symphonic choruses.

The Choir performs for tens of thousands of my constituents annually at storied venues, including this year's Super Bowl. I was fortunate to witness the Choir's incomparable artistry during this year's Celebration Gospel Festival, a moving tribute to Dr. King's legacy.

Under the leadership of a phenomenal Board of Directors, as well as the guiding hands of artistic director Dr. Eric Stark, executive director Michael Pettry, General Manager Andrew Lannerd, and Operations Manager Stephanie Derybowski, the Choir adds to the cultural richness of the 7th District and provides invaluable inspiration to Hoosiers of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Since 1937, the Symphonic Choir has partnered with the venerable Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. This collaboration of successful independent arts organizations has entertained generations of music lovers throughout Central Indiana. I also commend the Symphonic Choir for spearheading educational initiatives benefitting students and teachers within Indianapolis Public Schools.

Finally, I want to congratulate the 160 volunteer singers who tirelessly dedicate themselves to mastering their craft. Their selfless devotion to community enrichment is awe-inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir on 75 years of music and wishing them continued success for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 27, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 50. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 73: "yes"—Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011.

RECOGNIZING STEVE TRUMAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated, compassionate and effective public servant Steve Truman, who is retiring after serving the people of the City of Roseville, Michigan, for 32 years, the last eight as City Manager.

Mr. Truman graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and he also earned a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University.

Mr. Truman began his career in the private sector as a city planning consultant. He started working for the City of Roseville in 1979 as the Executive Director for the Roseville Housing Commission. In 1983 he was appointed as the Director of Building and Inspections, and in March 2005 he became City Manager and has served in the capacity successfully to the present date.

Although City Manager is not elected position, Mr. Truman truly devoted himself to the community and was constantly visible everywhere throughout the city. He is a member of the Roseville Optimist Club, as well as a number of other community and professional organizations. Mr. Truman made it his goal to improve the City's financial future, and under his leadership, the City has continued on a path of sound financial footing despite immense economic challenges, while still providing quality services to residents.

It has been a true pleasure for my staff and me to work with Mr. Truman on collaborative efforts that have resulted in some important local initiatives. On one such occasion we worked together on a project to combine three municipal police and fire dispatch centers to consolidate and form one regional police and fire dispatch authority that provides greater efficiency and increased productivity. This type of forward and creative thinking has saved the City of Roseville \$2.5 million over a five-year period and is just one example of Mr. Truman's abilities as an effective leader.

In addition to his dedication to providing quality government service, Mr. Truman has also been a passionate advocate for education, serving on the Utica School Board for almost a decade. Since 2010 he has been a member of the Utica Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated public service of Steve Truman and his numerous achieve-

ments over a 32-year career. I am so pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to his achievements, and thanking him for years of talented service. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement. Importantly, he and his wife Pam now get to enjoy spending time visiting their four children and three grandchildren Ben, Jack and Avery.

ARTHUR GENSLER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Arthur Gensler who today is receiving the 2011 Silver Spur Award from San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR). This award recognizes a lifetime of civic achievement of a San Franciscan.

San Francisco is not alone in benefitting from Mr. Gensler's vision, creativity and leadership; his impact is global. In 1965 he founded Gensler, a San Francisco based architecture and design firm, that has grown from a three-person office to a 3000-person firm with over 30 offices worldwide. Mr. Gensler transformed interior design into a recognized profession and his firm serves as a model for design professions in the 21st century.

Gensler designed the stunning new Terminal 2 at SFO, located in my district, and Terminal B at Norman Mineta International Airport in San Jose. Other notable projects include the Toys R Us store at Times Square in New York, the Avenue of the Stars CAA building in Los Angeles, Jet Blue Terminal 5 at JFK, Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, the first LEED certified car dealership in McKinney, Texas and Shanghai Tower in Shanghai, China which is currently under construction. Among the many Awards Gensler received are the American Institute of Architects' IDP Outstanding Firm Award, Contract Magazine's Legend Award, Interior Design Hall of Fame, U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Award, the Lifetime Achievement award from Ernst & Young LLP, and AIA's Architecture Firm Award, the highest honor that AIA can bestow on an architecture firm for consistently producing distinguished architecture.

Mr. Gensler is a graduate of Cornell University, which named him "Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995. Today he serves on the Advisory Council of Cornell's College of Architecture, Art and Planning. Mr. Gensler has also been a Visiting Professor at Arizona State University, Cornell, and the University of California at Berkeley, where he is on the Advisory Board of the Haas School of Business. He is a Trustee of the National Building Museum, Washington, DC, and the Buck Institute for Aging, Novato, California. Mr. Gensler is a Fellow of both the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) and the International Interior Design Association (FIIDA), which honored him with its Star Award. He is also a professional member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and a co-founder of the AIA's National Interior Architecture Committee.

Mr. Gensler and his wife of over six decades, Drue Gensler, live in Mill Valley. They

are the proud parents of four sons and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to acknowledge the craft, talent and lasting impressions of Art Gensler.

CONGRATULATING NATIONAL
HISTORY DAY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate National History Day, a year-long academic program focused on improving the teaching and learning of history for 6th to 12th grade students, for receiving a 2011 National Humanities Medal presented on February 13 at the White House by President Obama. Inaugurated in 1997, the National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened citizens' engagement, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. I am proud to recognize National History Day as the first K–12 education program that has received this honor "for sparking passion for history in students across our country."

National History Day is a program that can be integrated into any social studies or history classroom, as it helps teachers expand and enrich the existing curriculum. With schools spending more resources and time focusing on reading and math education, it is important that we also recognize and support programs that help to provide a well-rounded education that raises the bar for students and strengthens the instructional practice of teachers.

In every state and in hundreds of communities around the country, National History Day affiliates work with classroom teachers and students who choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. In my own state of Maryland, the Maryland National History Day program is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council. Last year about 19,000 students from 158 different middle and high schools participated across the state at the local, state and national levels. The program is an outstanding example of outcome-based and performance-based learning.

I am also proud that each June students travel from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to participate in the culminating four-day event held at the University of Maryland at College Park where professional historians and educators evaluate their projects. Attending the National History Day national contest where students are working in groups as well as individually to make history come alive is truly a unique experience. Each student is able to become an expert on a chosen topic while they further develop college- and career-ready skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and oral and written communication. More than 5 million students have gone on to careers in business, law, medicine and countless other disciplines where they are putting into practice what they learned through National History Day.

As legislators, we are all interested in promoting increased student achievement and a deeper understanding of the impact of history on our everyday lives. For 30 years, the National History Day program has been transforming the way history is taught and learned in classrooms all over the country improving education every day.

THE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND
UNREGULATED FISHING EN-
FORCEMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated, IUU, fishing. Illegal fishing threatens the economic and social infrastructure of fishing communities around the world by decreasing opportunities for legitimate and conscientious fishermen. While the United States is recognized for its commitment to domestic fisheries conservation and as an international voice in science-based ocean conservation, the failure of other nations to adopt similar approaches has both economic and conservation implications for U.S. industry and management. Additional action is needed from Congress if we are to be successful in combating IUU fishing and the depletion of fish stocks worldwide. Last Congress, I sponsored similar legislation and it passed the House without opposition by voice vote. This year, I am glad to be joined by Congressman FRANK GUINTA from New Hampshire as a bipartisan original cosponsor.

Recent reports have documented that IUU fishing accounts for between 10 and 22 percent of the reported global fish catch, or \$9–24 billion in gross revenues each year (MRAG, 2009, Sumaila et al., 2006 and Agnew et al., 2009). This undermines the United States' conservation focused approach to fisheries management and the efforts of fishermen, and has implications for sustainable international fisheries that benefit the world's Marine ecosystems. Unsustainable fishing practices by foreign fishing fleets adversely affect stocks that migrate between the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the high seas. This problem can be particularly acute in places like Guam, where the EEZ is vast, and where the United States Coast Guard, despite its best efforts, will never have sufficient resources to patrol all of our waters.

The "Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2011," which I introduced today, further enhances the enforcement authority of NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard to regulate IOU fishing. This bill would amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, HSDFMPA, and other international and regional fishery management organization, RFMO, agreements to incorporate the civil penalties, permit sanctions, criminal offenses, civil forfeitures and enforcement sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. It would strengthen enforcement authority of NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard to inspect conveyances, facilities, and records involving the storage, processing, transport and trade of

fish and fish products, and to detain fish and fish products for up to five days while an investigation is ongoing.

In addition, this bill makes technical adjustments to allow NOAA to more effectively carry out current IUU identification mandates, including extending the duration of time for identification of violators from the preceding two years to the preceding three years. This bill broadens data sharing authority to enable NOAA to share information with foreign governments and clarifies that all information collected may be shared with international organizations and foreign governments for the purpose of conducting enforcement. These amendments promote the conservation and sound management of fish stocks internationally and in a manner consistent with the expectations placed on U.S. fishermen. This bill would establish an international cooperation and assistance program to provide funding and technical expertise to other nations to help them address IUU fishing. This bill, however, does not authorize new funding or appropriations.

Finally, this bill implements the Antigua Convention, an important international agreement that provides critical updates to the principles, functions, and processes of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, IATTC, to manage fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The Antigua Convention modernizes the IATTC and increases its capacity to combat IUU fishing and illegal imports of tuna product. Without implementing legislation, the U.S. does not have the authorities necessary to satisfy its commitments under the Antigua Convention, including addressing IUU in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

IUU fishermen are "free riders" who benefit unfairly from the sacrifices made by U.S. fishermen and others for the sake of proper fisheries conservation and management. I would like to thank Rep. GUINTA, Rep. FARR, Rep. FALCOMA, Rep. CHRISTENSEN, Rep. PIERLUISI and Rep. SABLAN for joining me as original cosponsors and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this important bill through the legislative process.

HONORING SAXTON T. WATSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Saxton T. Watson. Saxton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Saxton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Saxton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Saxton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Saxton T. Watson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.