

and women to determine who merits nominations to our nation's Service Academies. Chair of the SARB for my first 22 years in the House of Representatives, from 1989 until his retirement last year, as well as serving in the same role for my two predecessors, Mr. Murphy selflessly devoted thousands of hours to the comprehensive review process, from meeting with every applicant to advocating with the Academies on their behalf. As a result of his efforts, several hundred topnotch young people from the 18th Congressional District have received outstanding college educations and leadership training that prepared them to admirably serve our country. A retired Naval Officer himself, he has followed the careers of many of these Academy graduates, continuing as their mentor and friend.

Joe Murphy's volunteer efforts extend well beyond the Service Academy Review Board. He is a former school board member of the Rye City School District; Commander of the American Legion Post 128 in Rye; lector and CCD instructor at the Church of the Resurrection in Rye, and vice president of the Westchester Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and certified social worker (CSW) of the State of New York, Mr. Murphy has had a distinguished professional career working in secular and United Way agencies, civil rights organizations, child care agencies, court-affiliated programs, a settlement house, health related/skilled nursing facilities and mental health settings throughout New York State. He currently is focusing on developing, administering and implementing eldercare services that combine high standards for consumers and resource development to enhance quality care.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Joseph P. Murphy for his exceptional accomplishments and thanking him for his tremendous contributions to our community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF "STEREO" SAM HUPPIN, AN EASTERN WASHINGTON LEGEND

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a great friend and Eastern Washington legend, Mr. Sam M. Huppin. His eighty-five years on this Earth were marked by infectious vivacity, a uniquely entrepreneurial spirit, and a genuine desire to help those around him. Sam exuded such an extraordinary love of life that his legacy will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

As a Spokane native, Sam received his degree in aeronautic engineering from Washington State University and, in the 1950s, he transformed his family's downtown Spokane clothing store into a major electronics retailer. It was with remarkable success that he revolutionized his family-owned business—one radio and camera at a time. In the early 1970s, Sam donated the business's remaining men's clothing to charity and proudly opened "Huppin's Hi-Fi and Photo." With two storefronts in Spo-

kane today, Sam forever transformed the business that his grandfather started in 1908.

While Sam will be remembered for his success as business leader—and his aptly given nickname of "Stereo Sam"—he will be remembered even more for the impact he made on the lives of others. His customers. His family. His friends. He loved to tell stories, ask questions, and make jokes. His son Murray said about his father: "He was really someone from a different era. Every part of the business was relationship oriented."

While Sam's passing is met with tremendous sadness, it is also with great joy that we pay homage to his remarkably full life. To the impact he had. The relationships he created. The community he changed. The people he touched. He has taught us—not only in the great sorrow of his death, but in the beauty of his life—that our years on this Earth should be lived with exuberance and gratitude for all the days we are given. It is for that lesson—and so many others—that he shall never be forgotten.

THE NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP COMMISSION ON AIDS, INC'S EXPRESSION OF SORROW ON THE PASSING OF CONGRESS- MAN DONALD M. PAYNE

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, I submit a statement on condolence on the passing of my dear colleague, Donald M. Payne.

NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP
COMMISSION ON AIDS, INC.

NBLCA MOURNS THE PASSING OF REP.
DONALD M. PAYNE

In reaction to the death of Rep. Donald M. Payne, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, C. Virginia Fields, President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, issued the following statement of condolence:

The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) expresses its profound sorrow at the death of Rep. Donald M. Payne. For over two decades, Rep. Payne served his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District and the nation with courage and distinction. He was a longtime supporter of the NBLCA and dedicated his 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives to fighting social injustice and advocating for the health and well-being of all Americans and other fellow citizens of the world. His support in the House was instrumental in the full implementation of the Minority AIDS Initiative and other legislation addressing disease prevention and health promotion. Rep. Payne was especially passionate about ending HIV/AIDS and human rights violations in Africa during his distinguished service on the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he chaired the Subcommittee on Africa.

Mr. Payne will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure and honor to work along side him in the fight against HIV/AIDS and health disparities based on race and ethnicity. On behalf of the NBLCA's Board of Directors and staff, I convey heartfelt condolences to Rep. Payne's family, constituents,

and colleagues in the 112th Congress of the United States. In Mr. Payne's memory, we rededicate ourselves to enhancing our advocacy to protect the health, human rights, and civil liberties of all Americans. May God grant him peace.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime advocate for women both in the United States and around the world, I am pleased to recognize the many achievements of women on International Women's Day which we celebrate today, March 8, 2012. We honor the countless contributions made by women in all areas and observe the tireless work of female leaders throughout the world who have struggled to attain social, economic and political equality for women.

While there is much to be proud of, there is also much work to be done. Throughout the world, women continue to face the same collective barriers and embrace the same hopes—to live in a world free from violence, to be educated, vital members of society and to possess the independence to make decisions that govern their bodies and well-being. This is why I continue to fight for women and have authored legislation to achieve these outcomes: H.R. 418, the International Women's Freedom Act to establish a Commission on International Women's Rights to report yearly on the status of women's rights around the world; H.R. 949, the Obstetric Fistula Prevention, Treatment, Hope and Dignity Restoration Act to aid in the prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula; and, H.R. 2759, the Business Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act, which works toward ending human trafficking by increasing transparency in the business supply chains of multi-million dollar global companies.

We know that when women are empowered, nations are fairer and stronger, governments flourish, and society as a whole benefits. Today, I salute the immeasurable successes of women and pledge to work to create a world filled with greater opportunities for women here and abroad, where women are safe, empowered and are heard and respected.

ESSAY BY MAXIMILLIAN MCELLIGOTT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great Nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I

am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Maximillian McElligott is a junior at Clear Springs High School in Galveston County, Texas. His essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country. Maximillian chose the Cold War.

The Cold War had numerous effects on America that led to prosperity in not just the American political machine but also in the everyday society. One well-known effect is the putting together of National Aeronautical and Space Administration or NASA.

During the 1950s, both the Soviets and Americans were in a so called "Space Race". The goal was simple: Be the first to space. The Soviets were the first to achieve this goal by successfully launching their rocket, Sputnik I, into space. In response to the possible threats of nuclear war and the new Soviet technology of long range missiles, the United States founded the National Aeronautical and Space Administration or NASA. The "Sputnik Crisis", as it was called sent a shockwave through the United States. For once, we weren't the first to accomplish something that hadn't been done yet. NASA's early goals consisted of getting to space, and then once John F. Kennedy was elected in the early 1960s, the goal changed to putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

The dream of putting a man on the moon was accomplished quickly by landing a man on the moon, July 20th, 1969. That single day in history where over 500 million people worldwide watched as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took mankind's first steps on the moon. The first manned moon landing opened the door for future space explorations such as missions to other planets, other planets moons, and possibly other galaxies which wouldn't have come as quick as they had without the so called "Russian Initiative".

Another immediate effect in the public school system was the majority of the focus was situated onto math and science based criteria. The government had planned to get youths more excited and intrigued by the new policies. The country went through a technological boom to close out the century. New inventions such as the cell phone, World Wide Web, computer storage units, etc.

Looking back over the Cold War, it was a stepping stone of greatness to where we are today with both our education and technological advances. Through the ups and downs the space race worked in our favor to give our country a head start on the essentials to become an even stronger, more diverse world superpower. If we as a country had not gone through the Cold War and had succumbed to letting communism make its way throughout the world, the United States would be far behind when it came to superiority.

SUPPORTING RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE POLISARIO FRONT

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the renewal of negotia-

tions between the government of Morocco and the Polisario Front.

The Western Sahara region has been disputed territory since the Spanish withdrew in 1975. It is claimed by Morocco and the Polisario Front, which seeks independence for the Western Sahara.

Morocco and the Polisario began direct negotiations in 2007, under the auspices of the United Nations. The next round of negotiations begins on Monday, and I hope that a solution will finally be agreed to during the new talks in Manhasset, NY. The people who live in the Western Sahara have suffered as a result of the region's status being in limbo, and they deserve for this longstanding dispute to be resolved.

Morocco has a compromise proposal on the table: democratic autonomy for the region under Moroccan sovereignty. I believe this is a reasonable offer and can serve as a basis for negotiations. Undersecretary of State William Burns previously described the Moroccan initiative as a "serious and credible proposal to provide real autonomy for the Western Sahara." It is also important for the region's residents to be able to express their views on their future, and for negotiators to take those views into account.

Mr. Speaker, after more than 35 years, it is time for all parties to negotiate in good faith to finally bring this crisis to a close. We are witnessing monumental changes in North Africa following revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya. It is in the interest of the United States and the parties involved to achieve a peaceful, negotiated solution to the Western Sahara issue, and more broadly to encourage Morocco to fully implement King Mohammed's proposed constitutional reforms and continue moving toward a more balanced governmental system that serves the many needs of all citizens of Morocco.

RECOGNITION OF MARCH 12, 2012—MARCH 16, 2012 AS NATIONAL YOUNG AUDIENCES WEEK

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Young Audiences, as they celebrate National Young Audiences Week, March 12th thru March 16th 2012. Young Audiences was founded in 1952 and serves as our nation's leading source for arts-in-education services.

National Young Audiences Week was created by Leonard Bernstein in 1971, who wanted the entire country to understand the contributions Young Audiences was making to the cultural education of children throughout the United States. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of Young Audiences, and the first celebration of National Young Audiences week since 1991.

Annually, Young Audiences reaches more than five million school children. Their many programs enable students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagina-

tion and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding.

In my Congressional district, Young Audiences serves approximately 21,860 students in my district in 14 different school districts. I am proud to recognize Young Audiences for their work, and will remain a strong advocate for arts-in education services.

HONORING CAROL PASTOR

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Carol Pastor and mourn her upon her passing at the age of 75.

Born on September 2, 1936, Carol Pastor dedicated her life to her family and was the proud matriarch of a three generation Michigan based construction business, George H. Pastor and Sons.

Regrettably, on March 4, 2012, Carol Pastor passed from this earthly world to her eternal reward. She was preceded to eternity by her beloved husband of 54 years, Richard and her treasured son, Keith. Mrs. Pastor is survived by her cherished children, Craig, Mahala, John, Tim, and Michelle and will be long remembered by her sister, Barbara and her brother, Thomas. She leaves a precious legacy of 12 grandchildren. A thoughtful and benevolent woman, Carol will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Pastor is remembered as a loving mother, a devoted wife, adored matriarch, compassionate leader, and a valued friend. Carol was a true lady who deeply treasured her family, friends, community and her country. Today, as we bid Carol Pastor farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning her passing and honoring her dedicated commitment to her family, our country and community.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK (MARCH 5-9, 2012)

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National School Breakfast Week which this year is March 5th through 9th. I thank the School Nutrition Association for their efforts to promote this important week and raise awareness for the need to ensure our school children have a healthy breakfast to start their days.

Research has shown that eating a nutritious, balanced breakfast helps kids focus and succeed in school. I believe that the federal government has an important role to play in