

2004 to provide home healthcare services to patients on Guam. HSP quickly earned accreditation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. HSP also received Medicare's home healthcare certification and became a certified Hospice Agency in 2007. With her leadership, HSP has expanded the amount of critically-needed services it provides and has grown its staff to more than 80 employees. Further, as a former faculty member of the University of Guam School of Nursing, Ruth formed a partnership with the University to help train nursing students in various projects with HSP.

Ruth is also actively involved in a variety of community organizations on Guam. She has participated in numerous health conferences and workshops, and has sponsored events with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services. Ruth has held leadership roles on various committees and boards, including the Guam Legal Counsel for the Elderly advisory board, the UOG Union Board, the Guam Community College Nursing Advisory Board for the Licensed Practical Nurse program, and the Guam Hospital Healthcare Development Foundation board. In addition, she was part of the transition team for Governor Calvo, serving a board member for his Taskforce on Healthcare.

I commend Ms. Ruth Gurusamy for her work in improving the delivery of healthcare services on Guam, and for being named the SBA's Women in Business Champion of the Year for 2012. I join the people of Guam in thanking her for her many contributions, and I wish her continued success.

FDIA AMENDMENTS REGARDING DISCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4014 to clarify that privileged information that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau receives remains privileged throughout the supervision process.

I would like to commend my colleague from Michigan, Mr. HUIZENGA for bringing this bill forward. This issue has come up now in several congressional hearings, in the Oversight Committee, in the Senate Banking Committee and also in the Financial Institutions Subcommittee on which I sit.

Many institutions have expressed concern that there is no statutory protection of the attorney-client privilege for sensitive material that they turn over to the CFPB during the supervision process.

Director Cordray has testified that he would support a statutory extension of the attorney-client privilege to documents that the CFPB receives. This is standard for all of the banking regulators and it should be true for the CFPB as well.

It is critical that the process be an open exchange between the bureau and the entities it

regulates. And that can only happen if the entities can trust that they aren't inadvertently waiving the privilege simply by turning documents over.

I would note that the CFPB office of the General Counsel has indicated in a recent memo that it would ensure that the privilege was not waived, but I know that the entities involved in the CFPB's regulator process would prefer that to be codified, and I would agree.

As it is currently drafted, the bill is identical to a bill introduced on a bipartisan basis in the other body. Both bills ensure that privilege is not waived when the CFPB receives sensitive information and when it shares that information with other agencies.

I support this bill and urge my colleagues to support it as well.

HONORING JIM SCHUG OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great public servant on his retirement. Jim Schug of Stillwater, Minnesota, has served more than 25 years in Washington County Government and spent 17 years as the County Administrator.

Jim leaves a legacy of dedicated service to his employees and county residents. He faithfully worked as the Chief Administrator to the five member County Board to keep county services running in light of growing demands and dwindling resources. The same County Board, named January 26 as "Jim R. Schug Day" as a way to honor and remember his contributions. Of course, Jim would have never asked for this honor, but accepted it with grace and humility.

Jim's work with county employees was focused and dedicated. He earned a reputation as a kind man with a personal touch. Personally, I consider Jim a steadfast public servant who will remain a fixture in the community. Even though he hails from the western suburbs, he will always have a home in Washington County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to recognize Jim Schug's 25 years of service to Washington County and congratulate him upon his retirement. Jim has set a new standard in county services and administration; we can all look forward to the bright future he has entrusted to the Board and staff of Washington County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on March 26, 2012. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

H.R. 2779—To exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, rollcall No. 127: "yea."

H.R. 2682—Business Risk mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011, rollcall No. 128: "yea."

On Approving the Journal, rollcall No. 129: "aye."

RECOGNIZING RICHARD K. LAI ON RECEIVING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2012 SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Richard K. Lai for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration 2012 Small Business Person of the Year Award. Richard is the Chief Executive Officer of Wing On Corporation, a family-owned company operating five restaurants in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Richard migrated to Guam from Hong Kong at the age of 16. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington, where he graduated with honors. In 1987, Richard returned to Guam to help his mother, Shirley Lai, run her coffee shop in Guam's capital of Hagatna. As the Chief Executive Officer of Wing On Corporation, Richard oversaw the expansion of Shirley's Coffee Shop from a single 28-seat coffee shop with four employees to a franchise with 212 employees operating four restaurants in Guam and one in the CNMI. He also opened Samurai Teppenyaki Japanese Restaurant in 2006 to expand Wing On Corporation's product offerings. Samurai offers Japanese-fusion cuisine to many residents and tourists in the heart of Guam's tourism center, and currently has a staff of 62 employees.

Richard is also an active member of our community, and he contributes to many charitable organizations. As an advocate of sports on Guam, Richard serves as the president of the Guam Football Association (GFA). Under his leadership, the organization has expanded significantly to become the largest sports development organization on Guam. Richard's leadership has substantially raised the bar for athletes, from amateurs to professionals, to harness their talents and love for sports. In the last 10 years, his tireless efforts have garnered international recognition of Guam athletes for competitive titles, and this momentum grows each year.

Richard is a proven business leader in our community, and he continues to set the example for the next generation of small business leaders on Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Richard Lai and his family on receiving this national recognition as the 2012 Small Business Person of the Year. I wish him many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission, which celebrates its 50th anniversary today.

More than two years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the city of Louisville asserted itself as a voice of compassion and reason in the face of hate, building on a recent history of social progress by passing an ordinance to formally condemn racial and religious discrimination.

The ordinance referred to elements that are "contrary to public policy and detrimental to the peace, progress, and welfare of the city," and in doing so created a city agency to monitor and adjudicate discrimination in public accommodations at a time when Louisville—and much of the country—was working to fully integrate schools, housing, neighborhoods, and public employment.

Over the past 50 years, the Commission has helped preserve and advance that history of progress, serving as a conscience for our community and protecting our citizens from discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, familial status, age, disability, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

It has been a primary force in building a safe and supportive community where diversity is not only accepted, but embraced.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission on 50 years of important work, and I look forward to another 50.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AND THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the Centennial Celebration, commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the gift of trees and the enduring friendship between the United States and Japan.

Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival heralds the coming of spring and produces diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit, showcasing the best of Washington, DC to the world.

More than one hundred years ago, the combined vision of unlikely partners led to the world-renowned majestic cherry trees that line the Tidal Basin in our nation's capital. Eliza Scidmore, the National Geographic Society's first female board member, Dr. David Fairchild of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, First Lady Helen Herron Taft, Mayor Yukio Ozaki of

Tokyo, and Dr. Jokichi Takamine, goodwill ambassador, world-famous chemist, and the founder of Sankyo Co., Ltd. (today known as Daiichi Sankyo), all worked together to bestow Washington, DC with more than 3,000 cherry trees in 1912. This gesture of goodwill was honored in a simple ceremony on March 27, 1912, when First Lady Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the first two trees at the Tidal Basin. Today, the trees are a national treasure enjoyed by millions, and, as First Lady Taft envisioned, a wonderful backdrop for cultural and community events of all kinds.

Today, the National Cherry Blossom Festival unites the region for over one million visitors each spring, who look forward to signature events like the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, world-class entertainment, cultural performances and more, primarily free and open to the public. Our Nation's greatest cultural institutions participate, including the National Gallery of Art, The Kennedy Center, and Smithsonian, with over 50 area organizations participating in total.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival greatly benefits the nation's capital. The Festival generates over \$126 million annually for Washington, DC, and has received many accolades and international recognition.

Among the many special commemorative initiatives to mark the historic Centennial Celebration, the Government of Japan has designated the Centennial Celebration an official anniversary event. The United States Postal Service has issued Cherry Blossom Centennial Forever stamps, and the American Bus Association has named the Centennial Celebration the top event for group travel in 2012. Millions of people have enjoyed the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and millions will continue to create cherished memories here in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the work of the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the message of peace, friendship, and international understanding it carries on each year during the Nation's greatest springtime celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of National Prescription Drug Awareness Month.

Throughout California, March is recognized as National Prescription Drug Awareness Month. The purpose of this initiative is to increase community awareness about the dangers that many medications may pose if not used properly.

Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared prescription drug abuse to be a national epidemic. In 2008, approximately 20,000 people died from prescription drug overdoses. In 2009, 1.2 million emergency department visits were related to misuse or abuse of pharmaceuticals. These num-

bers are tragic and unacceptable, and we must make every effort to address the issue.

Fortunately, the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse, NCPDA, is leading the effort to combat this epidemic. NCPDA is hosting a variety of events in California this month to help raise awareness and public engagement in the battle against prescription drug abuse. Education plays a critical role helping children, young adults, and their parents to avoid prescription drug abuse, and education serves an important first step to combating this serious problem.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important work of the NCPDA and the role National Prescription Drug Awareness Month can play in preventing the loss of loved ones across the country.

HONORING JEFFERY L. KLEIN CEO OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Jeffrey L. Klein, on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. His years of dedicated service have been instrumental in building a vibrant, diverse Jewish community in Palm Beach County and throughout South Florida. It is truly an honor to represent him in the United States Congress.

The Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County would not be what it is today without Mr. Klein's visionary leadership. During his tenure, the organization grew dramatically to include two state-of-the-art campuses in West Palm Beach and in Boynton Beach. In addition, the Federation was able to unveil many new programs to promote leadership, assist seniors, and educate teens about their Jewish heritage. Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Klein's efforts have led to the creation of programs that go beyond South Florida to strengthen ties to the global Jewish community in Israel, Ethiopia, and the former Soviet Union.

It is a privilege to represent an individual who has done so much to promote the welfare of the Jewish community across the world. I applaud his efforts, and I look forward to his and the Federation's good work for years to come.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Klein, together with his wife Carla, his children, and his grandchildren, as they celebrate this well-deserved honor.

RECOGNIZING ELVIN YU-LING DUNCAN CHIANG ON BEING NAMED THE 2012 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Elvin Yu-Ling Duncan Chiang