

everyone at Convoy of Hope (and their donors) best wishes for great success with their upcoming Tour. It's hard to imagine a government agency operating as efficiently, as nimbly, or even as cheerfully as Convoy of Hope. I truly believe it should serve as a model for private, nongovernmental solutions to poverty and its attendant ills.

HONORING KALEB CANALES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Kaleb Canales who was named the interim head coach for the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association, NBA, on March 15, 2012. Mr. Canales is the youngest active head coach in the NBA and the first Mexican-American to hold this position in the league's history.

Mr. Canales was born on July 7, 1978, in Laredo, Texas, and graduated from Alexander High School in 1996. He then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of Texas at Arlington and his master's degree in Sports Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. Upon completing his education, Mr. Canales moved back to Laredo and coached at Martin High School from 2001 through 2002 and United High School from 2002 through 2003.

Mr. Canales moved on to join the men's basketball coaching staff at the University of Texas at Arlington. He worked on the UT-Arlington staff for a year before moving on to become an unpaid intern for the Portland Trail Blazers from 2004 through 2005. Mr. Canales' career with the Trail Blazers started in 2005 when he was designated as the team's video coordinator, a position he held until 2008. After serving as the video coordinator, Mr. Canales was promoted to assistant coach and held that title until the 15th of this month when he was named interim head coach.

His story is one of passion and persistence; one that is truly admirable that sets an example for our youth today. Mr. Canales has demonstrated that with hard work and goals, accomplishments will follow. This young Laredoan has made us all very proud and we look forward to his work in the NBA.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize Mr. Canales' great background and accomplishments. His hard work and determination has truly had a positive impact on the Laredo and Hispanic community.

HONORING MS. MARY FINLAN

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month, I rise today to honor Ms. Mary Finlan, an exceptional individual who has served South Florida for decades.

Ms. Finlan began her work at the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Com-

merce in 1998, and was promoted to Executive Director a year later. Throughout her career, she has worked tirelessly for the community, earning the respect and trust of many in South Florida. After Hurricane Andrew, she worked for four years with Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Disaster Response, and ICARE to rebuild homes and clean up the disaster. During this time, she also worked to gather volunteers and raise funds nationwide.

From 1987 to 1992, Ms. Finlan served as Executive Director of the USO of Dade and Monroe Counties headquartered on Homestead Air Force Base before Hurricane Andrew. The agency provided services to the U.S. and allied military personnel and dependents from Opa-Locka to Key West. During that time she was a member of the Military Affairs Committees of the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce, the South Dade Chamber of Commerce (now Chamber South) and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Finlan is a charter member of the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance, and works diligently on behalf of Homestead Air Reserve Base and the other military installations to protect them from closure. She currently serves as Chairman of the board of the Everglades Community Association for migrant housing. She also sits on numerous advisory councils including the Miami-Dade Farm Worker Jobs and Education Program, the board of Rural Neighborhoods, Inc., and the Industry Advisory Council of the Homestead Job Corps Center.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Mary Finlan for her continued service to the South Florida community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable individual.

HONORING JAMES KIMO CAMPBELL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend James Kimo Campbell, who passed away on February 16, 2012. Kimo, as he was known locally, has been recognized for decades as a principled leader on environmental issues, education, and social justice. I admired the values he stood for and appreciated the opportunity to work with him over the years. He was a man of conscience, and his work has benefitted not only Marin County, but the entire Pacific coast.

Campbell was born in 1947 in Los Angeles. He was raised in Ewa Beach, Oahu by his grandmother, Alice Kamokila Campbell, part of a prominent Irish-Hawaiian landowning family. After studying at the venerable Punahou School in Honolulu, Campbell came to northern California in 1966 for a journalism program at College of Marin.

It was at College of Marin that Campbell first earned recognition for his intelligence and insight, winning journalism awards and becoming editor of the college student newspaper by 1968. It was also at College of Marin that Campbell became involved in the earliest activities of the antiwar and environmental movements of the late 1960s. Campbell was an ac-

tive reporter and demonstrator in Vietnam war events across the San Francisco Bay area, and he served as a public voice for peace and civil liberties on the national stage.

As his work progressed, Campbell was especially effective in translating advocacy and protest into political power and substantive change. He ran four times for a seat on the College of Marin Board of Trustees before finally winning his first, narrow election at the age of 27. From then on, he worked tirelessly to defend the interests of the students, staff, and institution he represented, and to effectively manage College of Marin through a period of modernization.

Campbell brought the same focus to a range of environmental priorities. He served on the Boards of the California League of Conservation Voters, Earthjustice, the Trust for Public Land, and other organizations. He also had a particular interest in projects supporting Hawaiian culture, including the Pohaku Fund and his home-based publishing operation, Pueo Press.

Campbell is survived by his wife, Kerry Tepperman Campbell, and his two children, Mahealani and Kawika Campbell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a man whose leadership has set an example for all of us—a man whose tireless advocacy and positive spirit teach us all a lesson in the value of 'ohana.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT CAPS

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,586,074,570,040.79. We've added \$4,959,197,521,227.71 to our debt in 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. CECILIA ARLEEN MCINTYRE HARBISON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved educator, inspiring role model and gracious woman of faith, Mrs. Cecilia Arleen McIntyre Harbison. Sadly, Mrs. Harbison passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. On Wednesday, March 28, 2012, Mrs. Harbison's funeral will be held in Columbus, Georgia, where her family, friends and colleagues will honor her life and legacy of good deeds.

Mrs. Harbison was born on February 21, 1950, to Jesse and Emma McIntyre in Thomsville, Georgia. Following her birth, the family moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where she attended Booker T. Washington High School and was voted "Miss Sweetheart" of her senior class. After she obtained her high school

diploma she enrolled in Alabama State University in the fall of 1968.

On December 20, 1970, she married Ed Harbison at the historic Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. served as a pastor from 1954 to 1960 and organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955.

In 1973, Mrs. Harbison and her husband moved to Columbus, Georgia, where she continued her college education and later graduated with a degree in early childhood education from Columbus State University. She would go on to also earn her master's degree in counseling from Troy University. In addition to her undergraduate and graduate degrees, Mrs. Harbison also earned leadership certifications from the Georgia School Counselors Association in Crisis Intervention, Cultural Diversity, Drug and Alcohol Intervention/Prevention, and Family Counseling.

Dr. Maya Angelou once said that: "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Cecilia used her life and educational skills to throw something back to her community. She served as an educator/counselor in the Muscogee County School System; public relations official in the Gwinnett County School System; and as job developer for the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education. She was involved in many organizations that were dedicated to helping people to reach their full potential.

Cecilia loved her family and she loved her God. She knew that these were two loves that would put you on the path to greatness. Her special relationship with God began as a young teen at Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church in Montgomery and continued when she moved to Columbus and became affiliated with the Sheppard Drive Seventh Day Adventist Church. In her later years, she continued her relationship with God as a member of Kingdom Metropolitan Worship Center. She was a special woman who supported her husband and children in all of their endeavors.

Cecilia was a fighter. Throughout her illness, she never gave up and kept on fighting the good fight. The Apostle Paul as he neared the end of this life penned the following words: "For I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Cecilia fought the good fight, finished her course and always kept the faith. And by the grace of God she has now claimed her crown.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the almost 700,000 people in the Second Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to her husband, State Senator Ed Harbison, Cecilia's children, and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING COMMISSIONER
REBECA SOSA

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, an admirable individual who has served South Florida with distinction.

Commissioner Sosa was first elected to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners in June 2001 to represent the residents of District 6. She has since been re-elected three times, most recently in 2010 without opposition. Prior to joining Miami-Dade County, Commissioner Sosa served as mayor of the City of West Miami for seven years. During her tenure, the city recovered from a 52 percent budget deficit, thus removing it from the State Governor's Emergency list. She was essential in securing more than \$5 million in grants for capital improvement projects for the city, as well as improving its drainage and parks system.

Commissioner Sosa currently serves as Chair of the Miami-Dade County Economic Development and Social Services Committee. As Chair, she is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to several departments and agencies responsible for the economic development and revitalization of the community, by creating an atmosphere that promotes public and private partnerships. She is also a member of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, whose mission is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida. She also assists the region's leaders in developing and implementing creative strategies that promote a more prosperous and equitable community, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy.

She devotes her free time to civic activities, which include serving as the first Vice President of the Miami-Dade League of Cities, Chair of the West Miami Financial and Budget Committee, the West Miami Hurricane Preparedness Committee, among many others. Commissioner Sosa has been consistently recognized throughout her career and was recently awarded the "Government & Law" award during the 21st Annual "In the Company of Women" Award Ceremony. The award is a testament to her leadership, creativity, and vision in addressing community issues in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for her continued service to the South Florida community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dear friend and remarkable individual. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UNIVERSITY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TOSHIBA/NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION EXPLORAVISION PROGRAM

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate four exceptional 10th grade students from University Laboratory High School in Urbana, Illinois.

Max Li, Gloria Ha, Roberto Chapa, and Ananth Nandakishore have exemplified amazing success with their project "MIRROR" (Minimally-Invasive Robotic Orofacial Repair Technology). This is a prenatal technology that would utilize an in-womb robotic technology to repair diagnosed cleft lip or palate defects in the third trimester, effectively eliminating the scarring defect and consequently and future needs for operations or rehabilitation.

These young men and woman were selected as Regional Winning Finalists in the 20th annual Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Program, the world's largest K-12 student science and technology competition. They were selected from a group of 4,807 entries, representing 14,602 students from the U.S. and Canada.

I want to also thank their teacher, David Stone, for his dedication to encourage the pursuit of excellence in every student at University Laboratory High School. These outstanding students represent the best of this nation's youth and I wish them continued success in their high school careers and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THOM HAUBERT

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Thom Haubert for his distinguished work and accomplishments as Battelle Memorial Institute's Inventor of the Year.

The American innovator has been a cornerstone of this country's culture and a key to our success. It is through these new ideas that our country has been able to prosper in the past, and how our country will work its way out of these challenging economic times. That is why I am happy to recognize Mr. Haubert for this great accomplishment. Thom joined Battelle, the world's largest independent research and development organization, in 1988, and has contributed to and led important research projects. Thom's significant impact on the world, its body of science and engineering, has resulted in numerous real world applications to help people. One of his recent and significant discoveries is in helping to detect and track cancer.

Thom is one of Battelle's "go-to" mechanical engineers for ideation aspects of many health and life sciences programs. Over the years, he has been able to quickly identify creative, inventive, practical, and unique solutions to difficult problems. As a result of the ingenuity of his thinking and tenacity of his work,