

2012, she was nearly eighty-seven years old. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family, especially Jimmy who has been a friend.

Sarah was born in Santa Ana, California, and raised in Pomona along with her three brothers and sister. Their childhood was shaped by the Great Depression, which brought the family together and taught Sarah valuable lessons about the importance of a strong family. Sarah attended public school in Pomona through the ninth grade. At school, she learned to speak English fluently, which allowed her to be a lifelong translator for her mother, who only spoke Spanish.

At the age of 18, Sarah married Jesse Gutierrez, who, at the time was a soldier in the U.S. Army, fighting during World War II. Her husband contracted tuberculosis during the war, leaving him hospitalized and unable to care for their children until 1948. During this time, Sarah raised her children by herself. Sarah's strong Catholic faith helped her through these tough times. Although life was not easy for Sarah, she had a unique way of keeping her family together and their spirits high.

Even after raising her children, Sarah selflessly devoted her life to caring for others. While Sarah was raising her family, her mother and brothers lived within blocks. She was able to visit her mother daily, and watched as she took care of her mentally ill sister. Sarah followed the example of her mother when her own daughter, Teresa was born with down syndrome. Sarah cared for her daughter until she was no longer able. Her selfless giving has taught her children and those around her the important lesson of loyalty, which stays with them to this day.

Let us take the time to pay tribute to a wonderful woman. Let us celebrate the wonderful life she led. Although she is no longer with us, her legacy and spirit will continue to live on through the lives of everyone she has touched.

Sarah was preceded by the death of her husband Jesse, her eldest son, David, and her youngest daughter, Teresa. She is survived by her son, Jimmy and his wife, Mona, as well as her daughter, Christina, and her husband Marc. She leaves with cherished memories a loving family of 7 grandchildren, Monica Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Sonia Dombroski, Cai Steffler, Tres Steffler, Annette Gutierrez and Josephine Gutierrez. May we all be so lucky to live a life full of love for her family. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Sarah's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Sarah Rangel Gutierrez.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NATHAN BENDERSON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Nathan Benderson, the Chairman of the Benderson Development Company, who recently passed away at the age of 94.

Born in Buffalo in 1917, Nathan Benderson was a true visionary who leveraged a bottle-salvaging company he created in the midst of the Great Depression as a teenager into one of the Nation's largest privately held real estate companies. Mr. Benderson personified the American ideal of ingenuity and coupled that with an unwavering commitment to charity.

The Benderson Development Company, founded six decades ago in Buffalo, is now among the largest and most diverse developers in the Nation. During that time, Nate Benderson helped transform the real-estate landscape in western New York, constructing many retail plazas and office buildings that still exist today. The company's holdings include shopping centers and malls, office buildings, industrial space, hotels, and raw land. In all, the company owns and manages roughly 500 properties—35 million square feet in 38 States—and employs more than 8,000.

Even with all of his achievements and successes as a real estate magnate, Nathan Benderson will be remembered for his indelible commitment to philanthropy. In addition to his work at the development company, Mr. Benderson was a tireless humanitarian who supported an array of causes, including Jewish-related charities, those that helped the poor and the frail elderly, and animal rescue organizations in Florida and New York.

Mr. Benderson created a \$2 million endowment for programs at Buffalo's Johnnie B. Wiley Amateur Sports Complex and was a major benefactor for Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo Zoo, SPCA Serving Erie County, Variety Club, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Food Bank of Western New York and Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

The breadth and depth of Mr. Benderson's generosity are on a scale that is unmatched in western New York. Even after his death, Mr. Benderson's charitable work will continue through the Benderson Family Life Insurance Legacy Initiative, a foundation he created which has in excess of \$130 million in assets to support numerous organizations well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and with members of the House to express our deepest condolences to the family of the late Nathan Benderson, and join with me in lauding the many good works Mr. Benderson performed during his long and full life.

A TRIBUTE TO BRADY BRINKMEYER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brady Brinkmeyer of Ames for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Brady's project involved an ex-

tensive landscaping renovation of the chapel entrance at Riverside Bible Camp near Story City where he has spent several past summers himself. The work ethic Brady has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brady and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

GIRLS OF STEEL

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Girls of Steel robotics team on winning the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award as well as the Website Award at the Pittsburgh Regional "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T.)" Robotics Competition on March 8 and 9. I also want to congratulate them for winning the Innovation in Control Award at the Queen City Regional F.I.R.S.T. competition in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 5 through 7.

As the founder of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, I am a proud supporter of F.I.R.S.T. and the tremendously important purpose it serves in introducing young people to the fields of technology and engineering. Through its mentor-based programs, F.I.R.S.T. will inspire nearly 300,000 students this year while providing them with confidence, leadership, and communication skills. It is critical that we continue to encourage young people to get involved in these fields if our country is to remain competitive in the global economy in the future. The F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition instills a sense of pride in the individuals who participate in it and allows them to apply their natural creativity in the demanding and competitive field of robotics.

The Engineering Inspiration award is given to the team that best advances appreciation and respect for engineering through recruitment and outreach within their community and is the second highest team award F.I.R.S.T. bestows. It also qualifies the Girls of Steel to compete in the National competition in St. Louis at the end of April. The Website Award is presented to the team that best demonstrates excellence in a student-designed, built, and managed F.I.R.S.T. team website. The Innovation in Control Award celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components to provide unique machine functions.

The Girls of Steel beat over 40 other robotics teams in receiving the two awards in Pittsburgh, and they beat over 50 other robotics teams in receiving the Innovation in Control award in Cincinnati.

I would like to mention each of these dedicated young women by name. They are Christina Ambrosino, Sonia Appasamy, Katie

Ashwood, Jaden Barney, McKenna Barney, Tammy Bevilacqua, Elizabeth Bianchini, Claire Brunson, Dakota Calvert, Abby Ceraso, Rachel Clapper, Ananya Cleetus, Claudia Contreras, Kaylie Cullison, Maureen Deken, Laurel Donatelli, Mackenzie Ferris, Kiran Gaulee, Naoka Gunawardena, Grace Handler, Heather Harrington, Rosanne Harrison, Kathryn Hendrickson, Erin Higgins, Samantha Holland, Imani Horton, Natalie Janosik, Campbell Konrad, Elizabeth Kysel, Sylvie Lee, Shana Leshko, Murong Li, Serena Mani, Mansi Mann, Pragna Mannam, Elise Medeiros, Grace Mitro, Sruthi Muluk, Lindsay Myer, Remy Niman, Raina Oravec, Olivia Parks, Jennifer Rickens, Kaylyn Rocher, Alex Roth, Rachel Round, Chelsi Sayti, Katelin Shreve, Amrita Singh, Jessica Slain, Nancy Soliman, Lauren Spence, Lynn Urbina, Bryce Volk, Rebecca Volk, Molly Walsh, Giulia Watkins, and Melanie Young.

Pittsburgh is proud of the Girls of Steel for their hard work and dedication to the fields of robotics and engineering and for inspiring others within their community to get involved in this important industry. I wish them the best of luck in St. Louis in April and congratulate them once again on their continued success in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition.

RAOUL WALLENBERG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3001, the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal—the highest award that can be bestowed by this body—to Raoul Wallenberg on the centennial of his birth.

The story of Raoul Wallenberg's work as an official with the Swedish Embassy in Hungary working in conjunction with the American War Refugee Board is one of bravery, heroism, and ultimately, self sacrifice.

Though Raoul Wallenberg's fate remains a mystery to this day, his legacy can be seen in the tens of thousands of people who survived the war by virtue of his efforts—including my late colleague and friend Tom Lantos and his wife Annette.

Of the 120,000 Hungarian Jews that survived the Holocaust, Raoul Wallenberg, acting under the War Refugee Board, is credited with saving an estimated 100,000 of them in a six-month period.

This year, both Sweden and Hungary celebrate "Raoul Wallenberg Year" to mark the 100th anniversary of Wallenberg's birth.

These nations will pay tribute to Wallenberg's courageous work by holding conferences, concerts, exhibitions, and other events to commemorate and educate people about the role he played helping to save the remainder of Hungary's Jewish community.

I hope my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of Raoul Wallenberg and the innumerable individuals and their descendants that he helped save.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Members of the House to vote for this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO DEAN A. VANEVRY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dean VanEvery of Ames for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the last century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Dean's project was to renovate a nature trail at Brookside Park in Ames, which required serious rehabilitation after flooding had left the trail covered with large amounts of debris. The work ethic Dean has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Dean and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

OBSERVANCE OF EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in recognition of Equal Pay Day, a day that spotlights the financial struggles that women must endure because of wage discrimination and the need to close the gender-based wage gap once and for all.

The answer is simple. Women should be paid equal wages to their male counterparts: pay discrimination is unfair, unwarranted and costly.

Equal pay is not only a fight for women, but for the families that depend on them. Women are the primary or co-breadwinners in six out of ten households; yet earn only 77 cents to every dollar paid to men. With smaller paychecks, women are forced to stretch limited dollars even further to provide healthcare, food, and shelter for themselves and their families.

According to a report by the National Partnership for Women & Families, women across the country are collectively losing tens of billions of dollars annually because of wage inequity. Over a 40-year working career, the average woman loses \$431,000 as a result of the wage gap. This picture is even worse for African American and Hispanic women, who earn 71 cents and 62 cents respectively for every dollar men are paid.

In the 21st century, it seems unbelievable that equal pay is controversial. Yet, just last week, Wisconsin signed into law legislation to repeal provisions of the 2009 Equal Pay Enforcement Act. This Congress has the opportunity to build on the progress made by the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—legislation to strengthen pay discrimination lawsuits and the first bill ever signed into law by President Obama. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act clarified that each paycheck resulting from a discriminatory pay decision would constitute a new violation of the employment non-discrimination law and restart the clock for filing a claim.

The Paycheck Fairness Act, legislation currently being considered in this Congress, would go even further to fight pay discrimination and improve wages for women. The Paycheck Fairness Act, sponsored by my friend and colleague Congresswoman ROSA DELAUNO, would strengthen the Equal Pay Act by requiring an employer to prove that a difference in pay between a man and a woman for the same position is not sex-based. The legislation would also bring the equal pay law into line with all other civil rights law by increasing the available remedies to include punitive and compensatory damages. As a cosponsor, I believe the Paycheck Fairness Act is essential legislation to address the lingering injustice of pay inequity.

As our economy shows signs of revival, women and their families must not be left behind. We must send a strong message that pay discrimination should not stand.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES NATHANIEL RICHARDS, 2012 MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize James Richards of Jamul. James was named the recipient of the 2012 Military Child of the Year Award, which honors military children who stand out among others in their community.

The candidates must demonstrate good character, and excel within both military and civilian communities. James embodies all of the qualities and more.

Each year, more than 1,000 nominees are considered for this award. The recipient is chosen by a committee including those currently in the military, Family Readiness Support Assistants, teachers and others. After choosing the winner, the award is given to one military child from each branch of service.

Anyone who knows James is aware that he is extremely involved in his community. He started a blog to help deal with members of his family being deployed. Currently 87 military children follow his blog daily. James also started the anti-bully committee at his school, which meets once a week to discuss ways to prevent bullying in schools.

James is one American who is making a difference by lending a helping hand to others. Last year, James volunteered over 200 hours during Christmas season at the USO collecting toys for less fortunate children and wrapping stockings to send to the troops. After