

works diligently to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. In the past, proceeds from the gala have gone to such noble causes as cancer research, educational scholarships, the American Red Cross, tsunami relief, and to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Kashmir, India, and most recently, the Carmelite Home for Girls.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the board and members of the Indian American Cultural Center of NWHRC for their outstanding contributions to society. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

HONORING TADASHI YAMAMOTO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto. At the age of 76, Mr. Yamamoto died from cancer on April 15, 2012. He left behind four sons, four daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren. He left behind a legacy and enduring partnership with his friends in the United States.

As Japan rose in world influence in the 1960s and '70s, Tadashi Yamamoto created one of his country's first nongovernmental organizations in the field of international affairs. In 1967, he organized the first Shimoda Conference, designed to bring together U.S. and Japanese leaders to discuss issues of mutual interest to both countries. Out of that conference, he founded and became president of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE). Since 1970, JCIE has enabled more than 1,000 U.S. and Japanese political leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue and problem-solving, strengthening our relationship and paving the way for decades of productive endeavors.

In February 2011, Mr. Yamamoto, recognizing the necessity for continued bilateral cooperation, decided to revive the concept of a frank discussion between political, business, and media leaders. He convened the New Shimoda Conference in Tokyo. I was pleased to lead the bipartisan, bicameral U.S. delegation to that historic event. Less than one month later the depths of the U.S.-Japan relationship were affirmed by the outpouring of assistance in the wake of the devastating earthquake in March 2011.

Tadashi Yamamoto was a pioneer. In the decades before the Internet brought together people from diverse cultures to connect and exchange ideas, inspired individuals like Tadashi Yamamoto built bridges that made our world stronger. At a time when both countries were in the midst of change and protest, discovering post-war identities and ideals, Tadashi Yamamoto made our world safer. He led us to a brighter future. The United States and Japan has a distinct partnership today because of his vision, and those like him, who work tirelessly and optimistically toward peace and security for all of humanity.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me and the House delegation to the New Shimoda

Conference, Congressman TOM PETRI, Congresswoman NITA LOWEY, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS and Steve Davis, and Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, in remembering Tadashi Yamamoto. May his work and his legacy live on in continued cooperation between the United States and Japan and the open exchange between our leaders.

JOE LYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joe Lyle for his distinguished service to the Savannah Rural Fire Protection District in Missouri. Joe is one of the founding board members for the district, and has served 32 years as the board's chairman.

During Joe's tenure as chairman, the district has overseen the construction of three new fire houses and purchased numerous fire trucks and fire equipment. The district has also acquired top of the line safety equipment to assist in the protection of the residents of the district. Joe's leadership and vision have been instrumental to the district's efforts to expand service and protection to the community. Joe has also been heavily involved in organizing fire protection services to the communities surrounding the City of Savannah.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Joe Lyle, a dedicated volunteer, whose service to the Savannah Rural Fire Protection District is to be commended. I wish to congratulate Joe on his contributions accomplishments and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM CORPS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salvation Army Guam Corps for their 20 years of community service to the island of Guam. Since their establishment on Guam in 1992, the Salvation Army has built a strong network of services to individuals and groups in need of assistance in our island community.

The Salvation Army is an international non-profit organization that provides non-discriminatory humanitarian support throughout the world. In 1992, the Salvation Army Guam Corps was started by Lieutenants Ted and Debby Horwood. Since then, several Corps Officers have assumed the leadership of this organization on Guam. From July 1995 to June 2006, Captains Dave and Linda Harmon were instrumental in expanding the Salvation Army's size and services. After the Harmons relocated from Guam in June 2006, Captains Brian and Leticia Saunders served as Corps Officers for Guam until June 2007, and were succeeded by the current Corps Officers, Captains Thomas and Christina Taylor.

The Salvation Army has offered a variety of humanitarian services to the people of Guam. Its Family Services Center provides emergency assistance to families in need of food, clothing, rent or utilities, and donates toys to more than 1,500 children on Guam during the Christmas season. The Salvation Army also runs the Lighthouse Recovery Center, which began as a 16-bed residence for substance abuse recovery in 1998 and has since expanded to a state of the art facility with a bed capacity of 30. The Lighthouse Recovery Center facility is also utilized for after school activities, day camp, summer camp, youth councils, and the annual Community Thanksgiving Feast, which feeds more than 1,100 people in need. The Salvation Army also actively participates in the Guam Homeless Coalition's annual island-wide Homeless Count and Passport to Services programs, which assists our island's homeless community as well as those at risk of becoming homeless. Further, the Salvation Army Thrift Store offers clothing, furniture, and other household goods to the community at a low price.

Over the last 20 years, the Salvation Army has coordinated with federal and local officials in providing disaster recovery and relief assistance through its Emergency Disaster Services Team. This team has assisted Guam residents whose homes and belongings were destroyed as a result of natural disasters, by donating thousands of dollars of food, clothing, and supplies. Further, the Salvation Army provided humanitarian services to Kurdish refugees who were evacuated from Iraq to Guam as part of Operation Pacific Haven in 1996, and also supported Burmese refugees who were seeking political asylum in 2000.

The Salvation Army has worked with many local community organizations and businesses in their charitable efforts, including the Guam Symphony Society, the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, the Guam Women's Club, the Guam Council of Women's Club, the Soroptimist International of Guam, the Guam Naval Officers' Spouse Connection, the Andersen Officers' Souses Club, Chinese Ladies Association, Korean Women's Association of Guam, KUAM Care Force, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Guam, Marine Corps Toys for Tots, the Guam Homeless Coalition and the Council on Homelessness, Bank of Hawaii, Citibank, First Hawaiian Bank, and Wells Fargo Financial.

I congratulate the Salvation Army Guam Corps on their 20th anniversary, and I commend them for their years of providing humanitarian services to the people of Guam and the Micronesia region. I also commend the efforts of the Corps Officers, Advisory Board Members, and all volunteers, for their commitment to the mission and vision of the Salvation Army. I look forward to the continued growth and expansion of this organization for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM VILLANOVA FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 POLICE CHIEF OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief William Villanova for receiving the

2012 Police Chief of the Year award from the Illinois State Crime Commission and for his thirty-five years of exceptional service to the citizens of Oak Lawn.

Chief Villanova first joined the Oak Lawn Police Department on March 22nd, 1977, and quickly earned the respect of officers and village officials alike with his caring, methodical, and unselfish work. In his first year alone, Chief Villanova made 7 felony arrests and 11 misdemeanor arrests, and issued 52 traffic and 74½ village ordinance citations. Continuing his record of excellence, Chief Villanova went on to earn several awards of distinction including the Police Club Officer of the Year in 1991 and the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit in 1997.

In addition to his many achievements, Chief Villanova has also bravely served in times of great danger. In 1978, Chief Villanova negotiated with an estranged spouse to diffuse a hostage situation which resulted in the victim being released unharmed. Also, in 1980, Chief Villanova persuaded a suicidal subject to surrender. And in 2005, Chief Villanova successfully prevented an armed robbery of an Oak Lawn jewelry store. I speak not only for myself, but also the community, when I thank Chief Villanova for all of his hard work and dedication to the Village of Oak Lawn.

Chief Villanova has touched countless lives as a police officer, leader, and mentor. It is fitting that such an upstanding member of society should receive the high honor of Police Chief of the Year. This prestigious award is cause for celebration for Chief Villanova and his family, including his wife Linda, three children, and five grandchildren. Please join me in congratulating Police Chief William Villanova for his outstanding achievement and career of service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENDING TAX BREAKS FOR DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2012

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, while the Augusta National Golf Course is known as a premier golf course and for hosting the Master's tournament, the club is also known for its discriminatory policy of denying women membership. Yet Augusta is not the only 'boys club'—over 20 other clubs throughout the country prohibit women from joining.

In addition to these unfair and unjust policies, Augusta and other clubs around the country are benefitting from federal tax breaks that allow deductions of business-related entertainment, business meals, and business expenses associated with travel and meetings. The government currently indirectly subsidizes discrimination by allowing tax deductions when individuals and corporations do business at private clubs that discriminate. It is simply outrageous that taxpayers barred from joining these clubs are forced to pay for business expenses associated with them. This is why I am reintroducing the Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2012 so that clubs that discriminate will not be subsidized by the government. This legislation would deny all deductions for business expenses associated with

the use of a club that discriminates on the basis of sex, race, or color. Discriminatory clubs will have to state on their receipts that their expenditures are nondeductible.

It's time to end tax breaks for discrimination—plain and simple.

MRS. LOIS KELLY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LOU BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Lois Kelly, one of the 2012 recipients of the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service. This award is presented annually by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County and given for a person's contributions to the region throughout the years. The Neighborhood Housing Services serves individuals and families through homeownership education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending.

After creating a legacy of community service in her own family, Mrs. Kelly worked with the Country Day Nursery School. The school has been serving the community for over 40 years. During this time, Mrs. Kelly provided guidance and encouragement to generations of children in northeastern Pennsylvania.

In addition, Mrs. Kelly was the first woman elected to the Dunmore Borough Council. She passionately advocated for community spirit and spent her career trying to encourage women to engage in the political process and community service.

Mr. Speaker, today, Mrs. Lois Kelly stands as an example of selflessness to her family and community in northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend her for years of dedicated service to our children, community, and country, and I wish her continued success in the future.

WISHING EUGENIA MUROS MALLIS OF SUMMIT A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eugenia Muros Mallis who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 2, 2012. Known as Jennie to her family and friends, Mrs. Mallis has been devoted to children's bilingual education in Summit, Illinois for many years.

Born in Slimnitsa, Greece on May 2, 1912, Mrs. Mallis immigrated to the United States in September of 1927. Becoming an American citizen on February 19, 1928, she immediately kindled a strong relationship with her neighborhood Greek-American community. She married her loving husband, Constantine J. Mallis, on April 22, 1934. After settling in the Chicago suburb of Bedford Park with her three daughters, Jennie's love of children led her to seek employment with the local area school district. As a teacher's aide in an English-as-a-second language program at Walsh Elementary School in Summit, Illinois, she helped chil-

dren translate their native languages into English. Mrs. Mallis worked with hundreds of immigrant students from countries such as Albania, Greece, and Yugoslavia to help them overcome a challenging educational barrier.

A devout Christian and active member in the Chicago-area Greek Orthodox community, Mrs. Mallis is one of the founders of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Justice, Illinois. She is active in many fellowship and philanthropic organizations including the Brotherhood of the Grammos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Philopticos, and the American Legion. She also enjoys classical music, reading, baking, and spending time with her three daughters and her granddaughter.

On behalf of the residents of the Third District of Illinois and the students who have benefited from her dedication, it is my honor to wish Eugenia "Jennie" Muros Mallis a happy and healthy 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GABRIEL BERHANE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joined by my colleague, Congressman JAMES MORAN, of Virginia's 8th District, to recognize Command Sergeant Major Gabriel Berhane for his 29 years of exemplary service to our nation in the United States Army and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

The United States of America has distinguished itself from other nations through the entrepreneurship and spirit of our people, the knowledge that we can achieve any goal if we set our minds to it, our inherent compassion and generosity, our fierce patriotism, and the extraordinary dedication to country and sacrifices exhibited by our men and women in uniform. CSM Berhane possesses each of these qualities in abundance.

Since enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1983, CSM Berhane has consistently excelled while honorably serving in every position in the Armor and Cavalry field from Dismounted Scout to Command Sergeant Major. Other than Sergeant Major of the Army, there is no higher rank; a soldier who attains the rank of Command Sergeant Major is the epitome of success and professionalism. And while it is impossible to detail each of the remarkable events in CSM Berhane's illustrious career, let us highlight some of his more recent achievements and actions that should serve as an inspiration to all Americans.

Between August 2000 and June 2002, CSM Berhane served as a Sergeants Major Course Instructor, in which he provided pivotal instruction and mentorship to more than 750 Senior Noncommissioned Officers. In this role, he provided invaluable insight into the management of the academy and implemented an in-depth Standard Operating Procedure that was a critical component of the accreditation of the academy and the continued professional development of our military leaders.

From June 2002 to March 2004 CSM Berhane served as Squadron Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry