

University and the Department of Nursing and Health Studies were proud to recognize its first class of graduates from the Masters of Science in Nursing. Later that year, the Department of Nursing and Health Studies was renamed the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. Marjorie K. Unterberg was a long-time advocate for the field of nursing and was active in the nursing scholarship program at the University. She also served as former President of the School of Nursing and Vice President of the Board of Governors at Monmouth Medical Center, where she established the Center for Nursing Excellence.

The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing proudly received its accreditation by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing and the Commission of College Nursing Education in February 2000 and in the Spring of 2000, respectively. Monmouth University is the first institution in New Jersey to offer the forensic nursing concentration. The success of the Nursing school lead to the expansion of various programs, including the addition of the forensic nursing at the Masters level and the health studies major for students pursuing their Bachelors degree. Most recently, the University was proud to announce the addition of their Doctor of Nursing Practice and began holding classes for matriculating students in June 2011. Today, over 600 students are enrolled in various nursing and health studies programs at the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. They also proudly boasts over 900 alumni.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing Monmouth University's Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing & Health Studies for their thirty years of service. Their continued efforts to provide a well-rounded education remain a valued and important entity to the students and the Monmouth University community.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, the transportation infrastructure needs of our nation are urgent and unprecedentedly large. Addressing those needs must be at the center of our economic recovery. This transportation bill does not address those needs. Instead, it forces approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will undermine the recovery by driving up gas prices across the U.S., with the largest increases in Midwestern states like Ohio.

This is not just my conclusion. That is what TransCanada, the company that wants to build the Keystone XL Pipeline, told the Canadian government in its permit application. Canadian oil companies will be able to use the Keystone

XL pipeline to increase America's fuel bill by up to 4 billion dollars per year, by reducing the supply of Canadian crude to Midwest refineries and by re-routing that crude around its current delivery point in Cushing, Oklahoma and on to Gulf Coast refineries.

Through manipulation of U.S. oil markets, the Keystone XL Pipeline will increase U.S. gas prices by 10 to 20 cents per gallon across the U.S., according to energy economist Philip Verleger. The greatest price increase will occur in 15 Midwest states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin). Adding insult to financial injury, oil from the pipeline will be sold overseas instead of being used to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

The bill's \$4 billion gift to the oil industry, which already gets tens of billions of dollars every year in subsidies, comes only one day after the President announced efforts to try to rein in gas prices and the excesses of the oil industry.

We should be considering either an unencumbered motion to go to conference or the Senate's transportation package, which passed with an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 74–22.

HONORING ROBERT LANTHORN

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service career of Robert Lanthorn. Robert is a teacher of American History, American Government, Economics, and Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics. Robert has served as an educator at Hamilton Township High School for the past five years.

Robert is being honored as The Educator of the Year by Kids Voting USA. The Educator of the Year award is a national award presented to a teacher who motivates their students to be civically active both through teaching and example.

Robert has used innovative teaching methods and gained the trust of his students keeping them engaged and interested in learning. His outstanding teaching methods have earned him many awards throughout his teaching career. Robert has been named Kids Voting Educator of the Month, Ohio Lottery's Teacher of the Month, and Ohio's Outstanding Teacher of American History by Ohio State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Robert's desire to motivate his students to not only learn but also engage in civics has had a positive effect on his students and the community alike. His students have participated in the political process and an amazing 83 percent of students participated in Hamilton Township High School's mock election.

Robert has inspired many students to become involved in their community and instilled life lessons of civic responsibility. I thank Robert for all that he has done to serve our community and educate our youth and congratulate him on being named Educator of the Year.

HONORING JEWELL FRANCES
WELLS GOLDEN ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to wish a very happy birthday to Mrs. Jewell Frances Wells Golden of Bagdad, Florida on the occasion of her 100th Birthday and to congratulate her on her many achievements. Mrs. Golden reached the century mark, an incredible milestone, on April 16 of this year.

Jewell Golden is no stranger to the Northwest Florida community. Alongside her husband, the late Albert Golden, they shared many successes and business ventures, which have made a lasting impact along the Gulf Coast. One factor that always remained constant was their love for each other, their family, and their strong faith in God. In fact, in 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Golden helped establish the Church of the Living God, now known as Heritage Chapel.

Mrs. Golden is beloved and cherished by all—her family, including her three children, eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and a grateful community. Her greatest joys, which she shares in her autobiography, are spending time with her family and “making memories.” Those who have the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Golden have been blessed by her charisma and presence. Her life serves as an inspiration to many and demonstrates that hard work and strong morals will lead to much success and happiness.

My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Mrs. Jewell Frances Wells Golden a joyous birthday. May God continue to bless her, her family and friends with wonderful memories for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICK LAUBSCHER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rick Laubscher who today is receiving the 2011 Silver Spur Award from San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR). This award recognizes a lifetime of civic achievement of a San Franciscan.

Cable cars and streetcars are quintessential symbols of San Francisco. If you have ridden in one of the historic cars of the famous F-Market & Wharves streetcar lines on Market Street and The Embarcadero, you owe a big thanks to Rick Laubscher, President of Market Street Railway, a volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1976 by three transit preservationists who wanted to save a vintage Municipal Railway trolley bus that was about to be scrapped.

Today Market Street Railway has 1,200 members from San Francisco, the Bay Area, and throughout the world. The organization has helped Muni acquire 20 historic transit vehicles, including streetcars, cable cars, trolley coaches, and motor coaches and the volunteers have actively restored fifteen of them.

Mr. Laubscher's passion for historic treasures and his advocacy have transformed the city's public transportation system.

Mr. Laubscher's roots run deep in San Francisco. His family has lived here for four generations. Mr. Laubscher fell in love with streetcars as a little boy when they were not historic. He was washing dishes and helping his father in the delicatessen on Market Street that his grandfather had opened. He calls Market Street a true urban main street.

When the streetcars were planned to be dismantled in the early 80's, he set out on a quest to preserve them. He was not the first to think of the idea, but he was the first to do it; he put history to work and preserved our urban fabric, as he likes to say. Today thousands of people each day ride the historic cars.

Mr. Laubscher also served as founding board chair of The City Club of San Francisco, a landmark of world renowned art and architecture and a promoter of active engagement and influence in civic, social and business areas. He also served on SPUR's board and transportation committee. He is currently a board member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Accompanying his love of San Francisco and history, Mr. Laubscher has a passion for communication. He runs Messagesmith, a strategic communications consulting company specializing in such areas as environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Mr. Laubscher holds an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and worked as a radio and television news reporter for many years.

He lives in Woodside with his wife of sixteen years, Nicole. They are the proud parents of three daughters. Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions of Rick Laubscher to San Francisco and the rest of the world.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RABBI ALAN B. LETTOFSKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Rabbi Alan B. Lettotsky who is retiring from Beth Israel—The West Temple in Cleveland in Ohio's 10th Congressional District.

Affiliated with Judaism's Reform Movement, Beth Israel serves the Jewish Community of Cleveland's west side and western suburbs and is the only synagogue geographically located in the City of Cleveland. Beth Israel's roots go back to 1910 when the West Side Jewish Center was founded on Cleveland's Near West Side. It merged with Beth Israel in 1957 to form Beth Israel—The West Temple.

Born and bred in Cleveland, Alan Lettotsky was educated at Brandeis University, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Yale University. He serves Beth Israel—The West Temple as their part-time rabbi while also teaching Modern Hebrew and Jewish History at Kent State University. He was Associate

Professor at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies and at Case Western Reserve University for several years. He has taught in the Religion Department at John Carroll University.

Rabbi Lettotsky started his career as Visiting Professor at the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and then taught for three years in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. Throughout most of his professional career, Rabbi Lettotsky worked for Hillel, the Jewish campus ministry—for ten years as the director of Hillel at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and for 13 years as the Regional Director of Hillel in Northeastern Ohio. Dedicated to egalitarianism and self-empowerment in Jewish communal prayer and fellowship, Rabbi Lettotsky co-founded and actively participated in the Library Minyan which met in the library of Congregation Beth Am in Cleveland Heights in the 1980s and 90s.

In recent years, Rabbi Lettotsky has been a member of a small committee of the Rabbinical Assembly that is preparing a new High Holy Day prayerbook for Judaism's Conservative Movement. In the early 1990s, Rabbi Lettotsky was one of 12 rabbis who served on the Commission on Human Sexuality of the Rabbinical Assembly. That Commission issued a Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations, entitled "This Is My Beloved, This Is My Friend."

I was pleased to know Rabbi Lettotsky in 2000 when other civic leaders and I worked to stop the shutdown of several hospitals in the greater Cleveland area. Rabbi Lettotsky spoke out with religious leaders of a wide diversity of faiths to stress the spiritual importance of healing the sick and making health care available to all. Rabbi Lettotsky continues to serve as part-time chaplain at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I am pleased to honor Rabbi Lettotsky and thank him for his many years of dedication and service to the community. I wish him, his wife of more than 40 years, Jean Loeb Lettotsky, and their three children and five grandchildren, many happy and healthy years to enjoy his retirement and for continued service to the people.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
PETER M. DOUGLAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Representatives BACA, BERMAN, CAPPS, CHU, COSTA, S. DAVIS, ESHOO, FARR, FILNER, GARAMENDI, HAHN, HONDA, LEE, LOFGREN, MATSUI, MCNERNEY, MILLER, NAPOLITANO, PELOSI, RICHARDSON, ROYBAL-ALLARD, LORETTA SANCHEZ, SCHIFF, SPEIER, STARK, WATERS, WAXMAN, and WOOLSEY to pay tribute to the life of Peter M. Douglas, who recently passed away at the age of 69. Peter was best known as the long-time director of the California Coastal Commission, serving more than 25 years to protect the incredible California coastline. Peter's devotion to the conservation of this finite and precious resource will benefit generations to come.

Peter was born in Berlin, Germany on Aug. 22, 1942. His family's home was destroyed by Allied bombers in 1944. He immigrated by sea to the United States in 1950, and it was on this trip that he began a lifelong love of the ocean. Peter grew up in Southern California, and in 1965 earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, and later a law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Peter worked for former Democratic Assemblyman Alan Sieroty from Los Angeles, and he was tasked with writing coastal protection legislation. In response to oil spills and heavy coastal development, the public passed Proposition 20 in 1972, which formed the California Coastal Commission. Peter also helped craft the bipartisan Coastal Act in 1976, and the next year joined the commission as deputy director. In 1985, Peter was appointed executive director and served in that role until his recent death.

Peter was instrumental in blocking offshore oil drilling and leasing, preventing unchecked development along California's 1,100-mile coast line, and ensuring public access to beaches. His efforts were often controversial, and members of both parties at times tried to remove him from his post. However, he never swayed from his commitment and passion to protect California coasts.

There is no doubt that California's incredible coastline bears Peter's mark. His influence on coastal issues has been profound, and has set standards for how such a valuable resource can be both used and protected.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in paying tribute to the life of Peter M. Douglas, a steadfast protector of the California coast and a true environmental steward.

HONORING RAFAEL CHRISTOPHER
TURNER FOR MORE THAN 10
YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring my Deputy District Director, Rafael Christopher Turner, for his 10 years of exemplary and dedicated service on behalf of my constituents in Michigan. Rafael is leaving this month to continue working on behalf of Michigan residents for U.S. Senator CARL LEVIN and it is fitting that we celebrate and recognize his continued service to the public.

I had the opportunity to recruit Rafael for an internship in my Washington, DC office in February 2002 and was immediately impressed with his commitment to public service and extraordinary talent and skills. I have known Rafael's family for years and Rafael was continuing their legacy of making a difference in people's lives as a public servant, community leader and a trusted and valued advisor to me and many others, especially our youth.

After accepting a full-time position as a legislative assistant in May 2002, Rafael worked on vitally important and complex public policy issues, applying his knowledge and dedication to a wide range of legislation important to my constituents. Rafael was eager to return to his hometown of Flint to make a difference in his community and in September 2005 he joined