

organizations: the Peninsula Italian-American Social Club (PIASC) and the Italian-American Women's Guild (IAWG). As one of the founding members of IAWG, she started and still chairs Mani di Angeli, or Hands of Angels. Mani di Angeli helps fellow IAWG members in time of crisis by taking them to hospital or doctor visits, cooking meals or simply making cookies.

Mani di Angeli does hands-on work and makes the recipients feel like they have been touched by an angel. Under Lubiana's guidance, the committee members have donated clothing, food and toiletries to Samaritan House and Saint Francis Center, organized a knitting group and delivered thousands of items to nursing homes, hospitals and chemo infusion centers. They have sent care packages to soldiers in Iraq and donated cell phones and chargers to a domestic violence shelter. They have conducted fundraisers for Cooley's Anemia and the Alzheimer Aid Society and food and toy drives for charitable groups and food banks. They have sewed hundreds of surgical dolls and wheelchair backpacks for children in local hospitals.

As is apparent from the diversity of projects Lubiana initiated, she is incredibly creative and resourceful and cares deeply about the good of our community. She also has extraordinarily good taste as one can see from her work decorating PIASC's beautiful hall.

Mr. Speaker, it is right to honor Lubiana Bangneschi Cernobori on Columbus Day for her invaluable service to the Italian American community and our community at large.

HONORING GEORGIA PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Fifty years ago, DeKalb County, Georgia was blessed with an educational institution that continues today to uplift and assist citizens in gaining knowledge to enhance their lives and the lives of others by investing in dreams; and

Whereas, In 1961, DeKalb Area Vocational School—now Georgia Piedmont Technical College was founded to promote a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community here in DeKalb County, Georgia to service the citizens of DeKalb County and nearby communities; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College has grown from one campus to nine campuses in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale and Morgan counties; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and throughout the state of Georgia by providing excellent community service, educational opportunities and stellar leadership; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Georgia Piedmont Technical College on its 50th anniversary as an anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012 as Georgia Piedmont Technical College Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2012.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST- 4 HENRY L. WOODS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member U.S. Army Specialist-4 Henry L. Woods. Specialist Woods served the United States of America honorably with the 20th Combat Engineers and 101st Airborne in the Vietnam war siege of Phu Nhon.

Specialist Woods was born in Elgin, Oklahoma, in 1944. His family subsequently moved to California and settled in the Plainsburg area, later settling in Dos Palos. Specialist Woods graduated from Dos Palos High School in 1963. He worked in the maintenance department of Chowchilla High School and in agriculture until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969.

Specialist Woods, or "Woody" as he was called by his fellow soldiers, completed basic training at Fort Ord, where he qualified as a sharpshooter with the M-14 rifle. He was assigned to duty with the 984th Military Police Company at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was later transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, for pre-deployment training for service in Vietnam. In December 1969, he arrived in Saigon and joined the 1st Cavalry in the Central Highlands and assigned to Company D of the 20th Combat Engineers near Qui Nhon. The unit provided security called QL 14—South that saw heavy enemy action and was often referred to as "Massacre Highway." During this assignment, the unit was part of a major assault at LZ Black Hawk in the Central Highlands in which Specialist Woods was injured in hand-to-hand combat. He was treated for facial and head injuries before returning to duty.

In early 1971, while serving temporary duty with the 101st Airborne, Specialist Woods was a door gunner on a helicopter gunship. During this time, North Vietnamese Army Troops began targeting the U.S. Army base at Phu Nhon, commonly known as "LZ Lonely." On March 15, 1971, a North Vietnamese force attacked the base, quickly overrunning South Vietnamese soldiers. Specialist Woods served as part of a reinforcement group to repel the attack. During the battle, he acted as a door gunner on a gunship, delivering M-60 machinegun fire to enemy forces. While making a pass over enemy positions, the co-pilot and second door gunner were killed. Back on the ground, Specialist Woods joined ground troops in delivering upon the enemy, twice transporting wounded soldiers to medical help under heavy fire. During the fight, Specialist Woods sustained a gunshot wound to his head and was med-evaced to an aid station.

During treatment for his second wound, Specialist Woods exhibited symptoms that later would be attributed to exposure to herbicide Agent Orange. He struggles with the symptoms of Agent Orange exposure to this day. After recuperating from his wounds, he

was sent to Fort Ord where he completed active service before being discharged.

For his service in the U.S. Army, Specialist Woods received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, two Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Aircrew Badge, and Sharpshooter Badge with Auto Rifle BAR, and the Sharpshooter Pistol Badge. On Veteran's Day 2003, he was honored in a special ceremony by Congressman George Radanovich in which he received the medals for his service.

Specialist Woods returned to the Chowchilla area where he worked in agriculture for several years. He attended Merced College on the G.I. Bill where he earned an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science Degree in Plant Science and Mechanized Agriculture. Specialist Woods has four children: Debbie, Chuck, Erin, and Matt. He is the proud grandfather of seven. He now resides near Helena, Montana.

Specialist Woods is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans. He attends St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Specialist Henry L. Woods for his honorable service to our great country, and wishing him the best of luck and health in his future endeavors.

HONORING EILEEN SAMUEL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself to her community and family; and

Whereas, Mrs. Eileen Samuel's spirit is present in Birmingham, Alabama for all to see, being a nurse, neighbor and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman was born in Birmingham, Alabama to Mr. Dewey and Mrs. Dellie Barnes on February 6, 1943, she has been on the move ever since as a woman of God; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune just fairness for the people, she was our quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, Mrs. Eileen Samuel led by doing behind the scenes, she encouraged all those around her who wanted to make a difference, be it her children, her elected officials, her neighbors and her church members at Oak Street Baptist Church; she was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community which in turn uplifted my community in Georgia through her daughter DeKalb County Commissioner Sharon Barnes Sutton; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Eileen Samuel for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Eileen Samuel of Birmingham, Alabama is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition"—Mrs. Eileen Samuel, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2012.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW
PETER O'CONNOR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Matthew Peter O'Connor who retired as the Chief of Police for the Hillsborough Police Department after more than 30 years of service.

Chief O'Connor has a stellar record of keeping the residents of Hillsborough safe. He maintained the lowest crime rate for a municipality with a population of over 10,000 for the entire decade of the 2000's. His leadership was instrumental in the department's radio and computer technological advances and in establishing lasting relationships with the Hillsborough school district. He has engaged our youths with bike rodeos, reading events and police officer lunches.

Mr. O'Connor followed in his father's footsteps in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The son of Matthew M. O'Connor, who was a special agent at the San Francisco office of the California State Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Matthew P. O'Connor began his career as a community service officer with the San Bruno Police Department at age 20. In 1981, he was hired as a deputy sheriff for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The following year he moved to the Hillsborough Police Department where he worked his way from police officer to field training officer to sergeant to commander and eventually chief of police in 2002.

Chief O'Connor has received numerous awards including the Life Saving Act of Heroism, the Notre Dame de Namur University Dean's Award for academic excellence and service to the University, the Notre Dame de Namur Alumni Award for achieving prominence in a profession and the Leadership in Action Award. Chief O'Connor's dedication and commitment to law enforcement are reflected in the many roles he has taken on over the years: he served as president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association, Member of the California Police Chiefs Association and International Association of Chiefs of Police, chair of the County Communications & Technology Committee, member of the California State Police Chiefs Communications & Technology Committee, President of the 100 Club of San Mateo County, and graduate of the Leadership Program of San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame and Hillsborough. He has also been a strong supporter of the annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance, the Centennial Celebration, the Memorial Day Parade and dignitary visits.

Matthew O'Connor was born in Glendale, California and raised in South San Francisco. He attended St. Veronica's Catholic School and South San Francisco High School. He earned his Associate in Science Degree from

San Francisco City College. He received both his Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Counseling and his Master's Degree in Public Affairs Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University. In addition, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class 191 and the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California.

Chief O'Connor and his wife of 28 years, Janie, have two children, Matthew and Tayler. Upon his well deserved retirement Mr. O'Connor will be spending more time with his family and friends, traveling and taking photos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Matthew Peter O'Connor for his outstanding service to our community. He personifies what a law enforcement officer ought to be and has touched and improved the life of every resident in Hillsborough.

COMMENDING ARMISHA ROBERTS
FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE
2012 BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLAR-
SHIP PROGRAM

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Armisha Roberts of Boynton Beach, Florida, for being named one of the first four winners of the 2012 Buick Achievers Scholarship Program. The Buick Scholarship is bestowed upon students nationwide who have continually demonstrated an ability to excel in the classroom as well as have an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM, education; along with a willingness to serve the community.

Armisha has displayed an extraordinary commitment to community activism, volunteering for a variety of important projects such as Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, and Education Rocks. Furthermore, through her community involvement Armisha has participated in efforts to clean debris from a local inlet in addition to planting a community vegetable garden. Due to her dedication to community service, Armisha was appointed to the Education and Youth Advisory Board for Boynton Beach as a student voting member.

Armisha will be attending Howard University where she plans to major in mathematics and then seek a career in electrical engineering. In this field, Armisha hopes to be involved in the development of electric vehicles. I am proud that Armisha and other students recognize the value and importance of STEM education as well as the importance of giving back to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to represent such a driven student and young leader who lives in my Congressional district. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors, where I know she will go on to do great things. Armisha Roberts is the definition of a role model, and she is truly deserving of this most prestigious award.

HONORING LORRAINE B. MYLES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, reaching the age of 75 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Lorraine B. Myles was born on March 4, 1937 and is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Myles has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. Myles is celebrating her 75th birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 75th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lorraine B. Myles for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 4, 2012 as Ms. Lorraine B. Myles Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of March, 2012.

RECOGNIZING TWO-YEAR ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE DEEPWATER
HORIZON OIL SPILL

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tragic two-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on April 20, 2010. The explosion that day and subsequent fire claimed the lives 11 American workers and after the sinking of the oil rig two days later led to the largest oil spill in U.S. waters. The damaged well was estimated to have lost approximately 60,000–100,000 barrels of oil each day. The effects of the oil spill on the Gulf Coast were staggering and still today have lingering effects.

Hundreds of miles of delicate ecosystems were devastated along the tidal shorelines of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Approximately 83,927 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters were closed to fishing because of health concerns. Even after the eventual sealing of the well and the shutting off of crude oil flow, the work was not done. Extensive efforts were made to rid the water of oil and to restore the shorelines to their prior beauty. The untold economic impact on the fishing, tourism, and other industries of the Gulf cannot be overlooked.

I praise the valiant efforts of the men and women that spent countless hours dedicating themselves to containing and cleaning up of this disaster. The team included the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), EPA, the Department of