

providing monetary support and counseling for first generation and low income students. The TELACU Scholarship Program is an exemplary program that helps students realize their dream of a college education by providing scholarships and supplemental support.

Although TELACU understands that financial assistance is a vital component for college students to achieve academic success, it also recognizes the underlying challenges many young adults face including socioeconomic factors, family responsibilities, cultural identity, and financial solvency. Students who are the first member of their families to pursue a college degree often must make their own academic support system in order to achieve their dreams. TELACU understands these challenges.

For nearly three decades, the Education Foundation has worked to remove the formidable barriers that often prevent Latino youth from achieving academic success and providing them with professional role models and academic support. The TELACU Scholarship Program provides its youth not only with monetary assistance, but with the counseling, leadership training, and time management training necessary to help students achieve their dreams.

I am proud of the way the TELACU Education Foundation has contributed to the development of our future Latino leaders. Each year, TELACU supports 500 Latino college students and 1,500 middle and high school students. In each program, 100% of the students graduate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor TELACU, the TELACU Education Foundation and scholarship programs like this one, for believing in the dream of higher education for all of America's next generation of leaders. I extend my congratulations to the TELACU scholars and the people who make their dreams a reality as they celebrate the 29th Annual TELACU Education Foundation Scholarship Awards Dinner, Building the Dream, on Friday, June 8th, 2012.

#### HONORING DAVID GRABILL

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Grabill, a lawyer in Santa Rosa, CA, who is receiving the Jack Green Civil Liberties Award from the Sonoma County Chapter of the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). This award is presented annually to a leader who has advanced the cause of social justice in the community.

During his 45 years of practice, David Grabill has represented individuals and groups in civil rights cases not only in our community, but in places like Gary, Indiana; Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota; Charleston, West Virginia; and Delano and Escondido, California. He assisted in Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, represented members of the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles, and worked with the United Farm Workers on union rights. He has also extended his practice to welfare and reproductive rights, Native American legal services, black lung, labor matters, and others, giving his time and expertise to those in need of legal services.

Mr. Grabill grew up in Washington, DC, and attended Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania law school. He met his wife, Dorothy Battenfeld in West Virginia, and, in 1981, settled with his family in Santa Rosa. He served for 14 years as directing attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), working on behalf of California's rural poor.

He soon joined with other attorneys during the Reagan administration to obtain an injunction prohibiting the federal government from detaining any individual merely to investigate her/his immigration status unless they had reasonable grounds to believe the person was not legally in the Country. He also served for many years on the Board of the Sonoma County ACLU Chapter where he provided significant pro bono legal support on various issues.

Today David Grabill specializes locally in cases involving affordable housing and housing discrimination. With the Housing Advocacy Group (HAG) that he started with friends in 1998, he focuses his efforts on creating more affordable housing and combating discrimination against lower income, mostly Latino and African American, residents.

Mr. Speaker, David Grabill has dedicated his life to the advancement of social justice and human rights. Please join me in congratulating him on the Sonoma ACLU's Jack Green Civil Liberties Award.

#### HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE APRIL 24, 2012, QUAD CITIES HONOR FLIGHT

#### HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great honor of welcoming veterans of the Greatest Generation to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, these veterans from the Quad Cities have travelled to Washington, DC from Iowa and Illinois to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many of these veterans, today will be the first time they have seen the National World War II Memorial. I am deeply honored to have been invited to join them when they see their memorial for the first time and to have the opportunity to personally thank these heroes.

I am proud to have a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the stone that built the World War II Memorial in my office. Like the memorial that it built, that piece of marble reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation of Americans. When our country was threatened, they rose to defend not just our nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are still humbling and inspiring today.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. They did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our

economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our country. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the veterans on the Quad City Honor Flight to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

#### RECOGNIZING REVEREND OLDER- SHAW'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who has spent 50 years serving our local community with great distinction: Reverend Robert H. Oldershaw. Father Oldershaw is a native of Evanston, Illinois, and that is where he continues to make his mark even today.

After being ordained a Catholic priest in 1962, Father Oldershaw worked hard in parishes across Chicago—serving communities in Hyde Park, downtown Chicago and Lincoln Park before landing back at St. Nicholas Parish in his hometown in 1988. Evanston has benefited from his outreach ever since. Father Oldershaw retired in 2006, after almost 20 years in our City. He continues to serve as pastor emeritus at St. Nicholas, and I am happy to say he is a constant and welcome figure in our neighborhood.

Father Oldershaw has made significant contributions to the Catholic Church. For a number of years while working in Chicago he served as the Associate Director for Music of the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship. In this role he worked to help parishes across the Chicago area adapt to the then-recent changes stemming from the Second Vatican Council. He has also written a number of articles and pieces of music over the years, and serves as the liturgical editor of *Worship—Third Edition* (GIA Publications)—a hymnal used in Catholic churches across the country.

In 1999 Father Oldershaw was featured in a documentary entitled *A Justice That Heals*. This documentary tells the story of how he brought together and fostered forgiveness between the family of a murder victim and the individual who killed their son. Activities such as these were commonplace for a man who has devoted his life to serving his parish and the community as a whole.

In addition to his parish duties, Father Oldershaw was (and remains) extremely active in the Evanston community. He is involved in a large number of organizations furthering the public good. He served as co-president of the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council (now known as Interfaith Action of Evanston), as a member of the board of directors of St. Francis Hospital, and has spent over a decade as a chaplain with the Evanston Police Department. Each of these roles has left an indelible impact on our local community and we are lucky to have had him working among us for so long.

Father Oldershaw also deserves praise for his social justice work. He is an active member of Priests for Justice for Immigrants, and

he regularly visits detainees at McHenry County Jail. He is also a board member of Solidarity Bridge, whose mission is to heal and empower poor people living in Bolivia through providing critical medical care and support for Fair Trade cooperatives.

On behalf of myself, our community, and a grateful nation, I want to say thank you, Father Oldershaw, for all you have done and continue to do for us.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE ACT (LIFE)

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, now that the cherry blossoms have signaled that spring has come, I introduce the Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act (LIFE), authorizing a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Growing problems of overweight and obesity are now found in Americans of every age, race, and major demographic group, and threatens the health of Americans like no other single disease or condition does. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is reducing overweight and obesity, not even the much need Affordable Care Act. The LIFE bill would provide \$25 million in funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar.

Despite rising consciousness of this epidemic, from NBC's 'The Biggest Loser' to a steady stream of diet books, startling rates of obesity among adults and children continue in the United States. In 2007, estimates from the CDC National Center for Health Statistics showed that the percentage of children who are overweight has more than doubled, and among adolescents, the rates have tripled since 1980. Today, 13 million overweight children have an 80 percent chance of being overweight adults, with the health conditions that follow, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer. The CDC reports that Type 2 diabetes, considered an adult disease, is now widespread in children. The healthcare system and the insurance premium of average Americans are paying the price for this generation. The consequences for kids will follow them throughout their lives if we do not act quickly and decisively. If we are serious about healthcare, we must start where the most serious health conditions begin: in the epidemic of overweight and obesity.

The LIFE bill seeks to provide the first national strategy by directing the CDC to pursue obesity and sedentary lifestyles in three ways: train health professionals to recognize the signs of obesity early and educate people concerning healthy lifestyles, such as proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct education campaigns to teach the public about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies to be used in everyday life at worksites and in community settings. This legislation is the min-

imum necessary to address our most important healthcare crisis. Already, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight or obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S., and 60 percent of U.S. medical care expenses annually. According to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity, the cost of obesity in the United States was more than \$117 billion in 2000. The CDC highlights a study that estimates the annual cost to be \$147 billion. Currently, it is estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 deaths per year are related to obesity.

A focused national health initiative is necessary because unhealthy lifestyles have become a normal part of everyday life. Participation in high school physical education classes has dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 33 percent in 2005. National data show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity. Changes in nutrition are equally critical because 60 percent of young people consume too much fat, a factor doubling the percentage of overweight youth.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation to mobilize the country now, before entirely preventable health conditions, that often begin in children, overwhelm the Nation's health care system.

RECOGNIZING CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to join me in acknowledging the New Year, the year of the dragon.

The Cambodian New Year is one of the major celebrations in the Cambodian culture. This time of year also represents the end of the harvest season and allows farmers to enjoy the fruits of their harvest. The celebration lasts for three days which during this time they spend time visiting family and friends. Each day has a name and activities that honor the elder's for their sacrifice for the younger generation.

I am proud that more Cambodians reside in Long Beach, which is located in my Congressional District, than anywhere outside of the nation of Cambodia. This past Saturday, April 21, 2012, nearly 20,000 people celebrated the Cambodian New Year in El Dorado Regional Park in the city of Long Beach. Long Beach certainly was the place to celebrate Cambodian New Year! I consider the opportunity to celebrate the Cambodian New Year every year as one of the great privileges associated with being a Member of Congress from the 37th Congressional District.

I congratulate the Cambodian-Coordinating Council (CCC) for organizing this especially unique and uplifting event, which is one of the highlights of the spring season every year in the 37th Congressional District. This is especially gratifying to me since as a Long Beach City Councilperson I worked closely with the members of the Cambodian community to ensure the festival continues to be held in Long Beach and know firsthand how the CCC has assisted the Cambodian-American population

to be self-sufficient, productive members of society and to bridge the gaps that exist between cultures, languages, and generations.

I thank the many community organizations and volunteers for their efforts to ensure the success of the Cambodian New Year Festival. Most importantly, I thank the CCC for providing this opportunity to experience and appreciate the people and culture of Cambodia. I Congratulate the CCC on another successful Cambodian New Year Festival and I look forward to next year's festivities.

Happy Cambodian New Year!

U.S. CITIZEN OF DISTINCTION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, 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.

RECOGNITION OF DAVID HINDERLITER FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE KANKAKEE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize David