

Melinda Gates Foundation and PATH, both based in Seattle, were at the forefront in developing this potentially life-saving vaccine.

I am proud to say that American research and technology in global health are at the forefront in making medicine accessible to the most remote corners of the world. But we cannot stop here.

U.S. bilateral support for maternal and child health provide critical infrastructure—including supply chains, trained health workers, and facilities—to deliver vaccines around the world, along with other essential and complementary interventions such as nutrition and clean water.

Immunization leads to significant economic benefits by protecting individuals not just against life-threatening illnesses but against long-term effects of that illness on their physical, emotional and cognitive development. With the introduction of these vaccines, mothers across Ghana will be able to provide their children hope for a brighter future.

On this day, while communities around the world are celebrating the power of lifesaving vaccines, we can be proud as Americans that our investments are making a durable impact on the prosperity and security of those who need it most.

IN HONOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ
WORLD SURFING RESERVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve. Santa Cruz is one of just four surf zones located around the world that has qualified to be designated as a World Surfing Reserve by the Save the Waves Coalition. This designation is intended to focus attention on the need to protect our natural resources along the coast including surf breaks and the unique conditions that allow them to exist. The program serves as a model for preserving wave breaks and their surrounding areas by recognizing the positive environmental, cultural, economic, and community benefits of surfing areas.

The surf zone encompasses seven miles of coast and includes world-famous spots such as Steamer Lane, Pleasure Point, the Hook, and Shark's Cove. The zone extends from the high-tide line out to the first surfable break along the designated coastline. The four components that make Santa Cruz uniquely qualified for the creation of the World Surfing Reserve are: the high quality of the waves and surf zones in the area; its rich surf culture and history; local community support; and the incomparable environmental characteristics of its shores.

The World Surfing Reserve designation takes an additional step toward protecting our irreplaceable natural resources along the coast. Residents of Santa Cruz and the surrounding area have a history of strong community action to protect and preserve clean waters and the wealth of marine life that flourishes in the bay. Members of this community value the bountiful resources the coast provides and have worked tirelessly toward ensuring it stays a safe place to swim and surf for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Santa Cruz World Surfing Preserve as a step forward in the preservation of California's central coast. May the Preserve inspire future generations to share in celebrating, enjoying, and preserving our valued coastlines.

HONORING THE DR. HECTOR P.
GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor and congratulate the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Middle School science bowl team from San Antonio, Texas. Led by their coach Shelley Beck, these fine young men and women have achieved a spot in the 2012 U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl competition on April 26–28, 2012 in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

Through their perseverance and hard work the team won their regional elimination tournament to be selected as one of the 44 middle schools to compete at the national finals for prizes and rewards. I am proud to congratulate Rachel Moore, Irene Chu, Kathleen Ran, Minji Kim, and Sophie He for this outstanding achievement and wish them the best of luck in the competition.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHUCK
COLSON

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of Chuck Colson, the earthly life of a consequential American has come to an end, and I marked that day with a sense of personal loss. Chuck Colson rose to the heights of political power and fell to the depths of disgrace, but in his fall, he found redemption in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Having been given a second chance, Chuck Colson devoted his life to carrying the Christian message of second chances to those in prison, and countless lives were changed by his compassion and example.

His voice of moral clarity was an inspiration to millions of Americans and made him an invaluable counselor to leaders in government and business. I will always count it a privilege to have been able to call him my dear friend and mentor. His dedication to moral integrity, serving his fellow man and his steadfast faith have always and will always be an inspiration to me and my family. Karen and I offer our deepest condolences to Patty, the whole Colson family and to all who mourn the loss of Chuck Colson. The below article written by Michael Gerson and published in the Washington Post on April 22, 2012, is a true testimony to the legacy left by his transformed life.

[From the Washington Post, April 22, 2012]

CHARLES COLSON FOUND FREEDOM IN PRISON

(By Michael Gerson)

Charles W. Colson—who spent seven months in prison for Watergate-era offenses

and became one of the most influential social reformers of the 20th century—was the most thoroughly converted person I've ever known.

Following Chuck's recent death, the news media—with short attention spans but long memories—have focused on the Watergate portion of his career. They preserve the image of a public figure at the moment when the public glare was harshest—a picture taken when the flash bulbs popped in 1974.

But I first met Chuck more than a decade after he left the gates of Alabama's Maxwell prison. I was a job-seeking college senior, in whom Chuck detected some well-hidden potential as a research assistant. In him, I found my greatest example of the transforming power of grace. I had read many of the Watergate books, in which Chuck appears as a character with few virtues apart from loyalty. I knew a different man. The surface was recognizable—the Marine's intensity, the lawyer's restless intellect. The essence, however, had changed. He was a patient and generous mentor. And he was consumed—utterly consumed—by his calling to serve prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families.

Many wondered at Chuck's sudden conversion to Christianity. He seemed to wonder at it himself. He spent each day that followed, for nearly 40 years, dazzled by his own implausible redemption. It is the reason he never hedged or hesitated in describing his relationship with Jesus Christ. Chuck was possessed, not by some cause, but by someone.

He stood in a long line of celebrated converts, beginning with the Apostle Paul on the Damascus road, and including figures such as John Newton, G.K. Chesterton and Malcolm Muggeridge. They were often received with skepticism, even contempt. Conversion is a form of confession—a public admission of sin, failure and weakness. It brings out the scoffers. This means little to the converted, who have experienced something more powerful than derision. In his poem, "The Convert," Chesterton concludes: "And all these things are less than dust to me/ Because my name is Lazarus and I live."

Prison often figures large in conversion stories. Pride is the enemy of grace, and prison is the enemy of pride. "How else but through a broken heart," wrote Oscar Wilde after leaving Reading Gaol, "may Lord Christ enter in?" It is the central paradox of Christianity that fulfillment starts in emptiness, that streams emerge in the desert, that freedom can be found in a prison cell. Chuck's swift journey from the White House to a penitentiary ended a life of accomplishment—only to begin a life of significance. The two are not always the same. The destruction of Chuck's career freed up his skills for a calling he would not have chosen, providing fulfillment beyond his ambitions. I often heard him quote Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and mean it: "Bless you, prison, for having been in my life."

Chuck was a powerful preacher, an influential cultural critic and a pioneer of the dialogue between evangelicals and Catholics. But he was always drawn back to the scene of his disgrace and his deliverance. The ministry he founded, Prison Fellowship, is the largest compassionate outreach to prisoners and their families in the world, with activities in more than 100 countries. It also plays a morally clarifying role. It is easier to serve the sympathetic. Prisoners call the bluff of our belief in human dignity. If everyone matters and counts, then criminals do as well. Chuck led a movement of volunteers attempting to love some of their least lovable neighbors. This inversion of social priorities—putting the last first—is the best evidence of a faith that is more than crutch,

opiate or self-help program. It is the hallmark of authentic religion—and it is the vast, humane contribution of Chuck Colson.

It is a strange feeling to lose a mentor—a sensation of being old and small and exposed outside his shade. Chuck's irrational confidence in my 21-year-old self felt a little like grace itself. The scale of his life—a broad arc from politics to prison to humanitarian achievement—is also the scale of his absence. But no one was better prepared for death. No one more confident in the resurrection—having experienced it once already. So my grief at Chuck's passing comes tempered—because he was Lazarus, and he lives.

ISRAEL CONTINUES TO SHINE 64 YEARS LATER

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, 64 years ago, David Ben Gurion declared the establishment of Eretz Israel, the State of Israel. Today, Israel serves as a harbinger of freedom in a part of the world where this concept is not fully embraced by leaders of neighboring states.

The horrific tragedy of the Holocaust instilled a sense of survival in the Jewish people, which led to the creation of the Jewish state. In Israel, the USA found a new ally in promoting democracy, equality and justice. Israel celebrates the diversity and the contributions of people from all walks of life.

Israeli contributions to science and research are testaments to the work-ethic and resilience that define the character of its 7.8 million residents. The Israeli Defense Forces prepares each generation with the skills and innovation that have earned a small city like Tel Aviv the title of being the "Silicon Valley of the Middle East." Israel produces more tech startups per capita than any nation on Earth. We as Americans are especially thankful as many of these companies are expanding to the U.S. and providing high-paying jobs here.

Despite facing overwhelming odds and emboldened adversaries, Israel continues to thrive. America has proudly stood by Israel as it has evolved from a concept, to a state, and to becoming a world-leader for peace. I am honored to represent a Congressional District that has always maintained strong ties with Israel and the Jewish community. We need to continue supporting our brothers and sisters in Israel and ensuring its existence for the rest of time.

HONORING THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor and congratulate the Sandra Day O'Connor High School science bowl team from Helotes, Texas. Led by their coach Tony Potter, these fine young men and women have achieved a spot in the 2012 U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl

competition on April 26–28, 2012 in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

Through their perseverance and hard work the team won their regional elimination tournament to be selected as one of the 69 high schools to compete at the national finals for prizes and rewards. I am proud to congratulate Zac Cozzi, Yun Liang, Paul Cozzi, Jenny Qi, and Robert Perce for this outstanding achievement and wish them the best of luck in the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MSG KEVIN FOUTZ AND SFC THOMAS PAYNE

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MSG Kevin Foutz and SFC Thomas Payne of the United States Army on winning this year's Best Ranger Competition.

The competition took place at Fort Benning, Georgia, over three days and included challenges such as a grenade assault course, a helicopter jump, and the Darby Queen obstacle course, as well as plenty of running.

This marks the third consecutive year that soldiers from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, have won the competition, and the first time that one of the winners was from a non-combat arms MOS.

I congratulate MSG Foutz and SFC Payne on this impressive accomplishment.

May God bless them, their families, and our great nation.

RECOGNIZING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support and recognition of Israeli Independence Day and to honor a country that has made huge strides since its independence in 1948.

In my close-knit Buffalo neighborhood, where I was born and raised, I learned that while friends may not agree on everything, they do always have each other's back. Israel is our friend, with good reason, and that is something I hope our country never forgets.

Last week, we honored Holocaust Remembrance Day. We join our Israeli friends in mourning those who lost their lives in this attempted genocide of the Jewish people and also promise to move forward ensuring that history will never repeat itself.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Israel on the 64th anniversary of their independence and hope for many more years of mutual friendship between our nations.

UNIFORMED CHAIN OF CUSTODY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to restore respect for the remains of our fallen heroes by mandating a uniformed chain of custody for overseas military casualties.

Since the beginning of combat operations in Afghanistan, there have been several instances of gross misconduct in the treatment of the remains of our fallen heroes. Body parts have been lost, the cremated remains of 274 servicemembers were dumped in a landfill, and in one incident a Marine was dismembered in order to fit inside his uniform. In each of these unfortunate examples, non-uniformed personnel were intimately involved in the callous behavior. To ensure the reverent care of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country, I am sponsoring a bill that mandates a uniformed member of the armed services be accountable for the remains of overseas casualties from the battlefield until the remains are accepted by the member's next of kin.

Civilian personnel involved in the chain of custody are not subject to the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, UCMJ, and the Department of Justice has not seen fit to prosecute a single case of misconduct. A uniformed chain of custody law would clearly define accountability for the remains as a military honor and duty, and any violations of this responsibility will be punishable under UCMJ.

The men and women who serve as our nation's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines have few assurances when they deploy to combat to defend our nation. One of the few assurances they do have is that if they make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their lives in the line of duty, then their remains will be treated with the utmost dignity and respect of a grateful nation. I believe this is not only a legal requirement, but also our moral obligation. My legislation will reassure servicemembers and their families that our nation honors their service in life and in death.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4348, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Democratic motion to instruct conferees on the surface transportation reauthorization bill (H.R. 4348 and S. 1813).

While the Senate bill is not perfect, it does provide certainty to State DOTs, transit agencies, and contractors that will help create and sustain jobs for out-of-work Americans. Further, it creates or saves more than two million jobs and strengthens our economy. The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 74 to 22, with strong Democratic and Republican support.