

Dr. Young's dedication to her patients, her family and physician colleagues has earned her a number of professional and civic accolades, including from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pernet Family Health Service, the YWCA of Central Massachusetts, the Montachusett Girl Scout Council, Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, and the City of Worcester's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. This year Dr. Young will serve as the commencement speaker at the Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she will receive an honorary Doctorate of Science.

In addition to her busy pediatric practice, Dr. Young is a respected presence in the Worcester community. She is active in a number of Worcester organizations, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, the International Center of Worcester, the Parent Family Health Service, and the City of Worcester Board of Health, among others.

I have had the utmost pleasure of knowing Dr. Young both professionally and personally for a number of years, including as my own children's pediatrician. Dr. Young epitomizes the compassionate pediatrician. Her exuberance and enthusiasm for her young patients are matched only by her expertise and medical knowledge.

I want to thank Dr. Young for her immense contributions and dedication to the pediatric and larger medical community in Central Massachusetts, and I wish her continued happiness with her family, Dr. Bob Sorrenti, their two sons and daughters-in-law and their precious grandson, Jack.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MARY RITTLING, PRESIDENT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding leader in the North Carolina community college system, Dr. Mary Rittling, president of Davidson County Community College.

Dr. Rittling was honored in April as the 2012 North Carolina Community College President of the Year.

This award is designed to honor outstanding leaders within North Carolina's community college system.

Dr. Rittling's relentless focus on "what can be" versus "what is" drove critical changes to the college that helped the community adapt during a time when Davidson County and the rest of America suffered from job loss.

This is not the first time Dr. Rittling has been recognized for her efforts on behalf of the students and the community.

She has been recognized in the Triad as an Exceptional Leader in both 2009 and 2010. She was also named as the Outstanding Woman in Business by the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce in 2009.

Thanks to Dr. Rittling for her dedication to serving her community and her investment in Davidson and Davie Counties. Congratulations on her many achievements and recognition of her student-centered philosophy.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Hanover Township Police Department, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 14, 2012.

Hanover Township was founded in 1770 by Captain Lazarus Stewart who fought for Connecticut against the Pennsylvanians in the Wyoming Valley. For his services, Captain Stewart and his company of forty men were granted the tract of land which became Hanover Township. Captain Stewart named the town after his hometown of Hanover in Dauphin County. In the 1820's, coal was discovered and by 1838, mining became a leading industry in the area. However, prior to the 1900's Hanover Township had very little in the way of municipal services.

Therefore in 1912, the Hanover Township Commissioners established a paid police force to secure the safety of persons and property within Hanover Township. The first force consisted of six officers and was led by Police Chief James H. Campbell. Today, there are fourteen officers, eight cruisers and a K-9 unit which provide for the safety of Hanover Township residents under the leadership of Police Chief Albert Walker.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 100 years, the Hanover Township Police Department has proudly served the citizens of Hanover, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend all those officers who have dedicated their lives to protecting their community and to all those who have gone on to their eternal rest.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on May 8, 2012, because I was in my home state for the Indiana primary elections. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 199, 200, 201, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223 and "nay" on rollcall votes 202, 205, 213, 214, 216.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. VIOLA JACKSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Viola Jackson, my constituent. Mrs. Jackson was born May 9, 1912 in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia. She was the eleventh of thirteen children born to Tom and Mary Edwards. She has managed to outlive both her parents and siblings. Throughout her life, Mrs. Jackson has worked tirelessly to provide a better life for herself and her family.

From her childhood into her early adulthood, Mrs. Jackson worked on a farm as a tiller. However, her life would change considerably after meeting sharecropper Johnny Jackson, in 1938—a period of racial prejudice and injustice. After marrying Mr. Jackson, she continued working on the farm, where she later gave birth to Virginia Jackson on January 25, 1939, the couple's first child. In pursuit of better educational opportunities for Virginia, Mrs. Jackson sent her to live with her brother, in Miami Florida. In 1950, the Jacksons relocated to Miami, FL.

Shortly after arriving in Miami, Viola was employed by John Lieberman as a live-in housekeeper and nanny in Sunny Isles, FL. There, she worked six days a week, with only Thursdays off to spend with her family. However, her husband was gainfully employed in the saw mills of Opa-Locka as a lumberjack. Together, they saved enough money to buy their first home on Washington Street in Opa-Locka, which is located in the heart of District 17.

After years of working with the Lieberman family, Viola transitioned to the Frances Liebler family, where she worked as a housekeeper in their residence and hotel. Her work ethic and loyalty earned her a promotion as the Housekeeping Manager, a position she held until her retirement in 1965. However, she resumed working in 1973, after her love of children inspired her to launch a day care. Throughout her life, Viola was known for being more than an exceptional caretaker and employee; she was also known for her faith.

Her journey with God led her to many churches including Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, United Christian Baptist Church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and New Christ Tabernacle Church, where Mrs. Jackson serves as Church Mother. Her faith has sustained her through 100 years of hardships, health challenges and losses. I am hopeful that she will continue to serve as a role model and an inspiration to everyone around her.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mrs. Viola Jackson. She's not only a treasure to my district, but also to our nation. I encourage members of Congress to join me in celebrating her 100th birthday. Lastly, I pray that she may continue to have longevity and happiness for many more years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today out of concern for the language in this bill that would hinder the access of people with disabilities to swimming pools.

The standards that this language would undermine were based on standards first adopted under the Bush Administration. They are common-sense, flexible, and an important step for our constituents with disabilities.

Yet the language in this bill would prohibit the Department of Justice from enforcing these regulations, even though swimming venues only need to satisfy these standards if doing so is "readily achievable" and does not cause an undue burden.

These regulations would allow disabled Americans seeking to swim for physical relief, emotional therapy, or simple enjoyment the ability to do so, thus enjoying the same benefits that you or I would receive from swimming. And the regulations ensure that no business faces an undue hardship in doing so.

I'm disappointed that this language made its way into the bill.

Sometimes it feels like there is little we can agree on here, and I would hope that providing physical, emotional, and social relief to Americans struggling with physical disabilities while not imposing on businesses would be something we could come together on. I hope that as this bill goes to conference, this harmful language is removed so that all Americans—regardless of abilities—can enjoy one of life's simple pleasures.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, during National Teacher Appreciation Week, I rise to honor our teachers.

Teachers are at the heart of our community, and this week we commemorate the hard-working men and women who educate and inspire our children. As part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I was asked by the National Education Association to name a teacher who had a significant impact on my education. My journalism and debate coach, Mr. Ralph Chavez, quickly came to mind. He was not only a teacher but a mentor, friend and counselor. He inspired me to push myself, and helped me become the person I am today. This week, I am proud to help recognize all of our dedicated teachers who, like Mr. Chavez, have educated and motivated their students. As a parent and grandparent, I am grateful for the contributions of all of our educators, and am particularly proud of the teachers in the El Paso community.

As a Member of Congress, one of the best ways I can help make National Teacher Appreciation Week more meaningful is to continue working to provide our teachers with the resources they need to educate their students. Today's teachers face many challenges and deserve not only our recognition, but our full measure of support for their efforts.

Education has always been one of my top priorities, and I will continue to fight for our teachers, our students, our school districts, and for parents who want their children to have the best education possible.

HONORING DR. F.X. JAMES
KENEALY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Dr. F.X. James Kenealy for his successful tenure as Chair of the Massachusetts Medical Society Committee on Legislation. Dr. Kenealy is a practicing otolaryngologist and a partner at Metro West ENT Associates, with locations in Framingham and Milford, Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Medical Society Committee on Legislation is comprised of physicians responsible for advising the Society on its legislative positions at both the federal and state levels. Dr. Kenealy led the committee through its negotiations on some of the most pivotal legislative issues of this decade, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

He masterfully led the Committee and helped establish the Massachusetts Medical Society as a leading voice on health care reform initiatives in Massachusetts, many of which have served as the model for national legislation. Under his tutelage, physicians in Massachusetts have become better informed and more engaged in the grassroots legislative process.

Dr. Kenealy's commitment to his family, patients, local community, and the legislative process are exemplary. He brings his expertise as a physician to public policy discussions and reminds us how essential civic engagement is to the democratic process. I wish Dr. Kenealy continued success and happiness in his future pursuits and with his family, Vanessa and Aidan.

HONORING SOPHIA GREENWALT
OF MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sophia Greenwalt, a truly outstanding young Missourian.

Sophia is a seventh grade student at Reeds Spring Middle School in Reeds Spring, Missouri. She was recently honored by the American Red Cross with their Everyday Hero Award for her charitable activities.

While in sixth grade, Sophia came up with a plan to help others. In consultation with her mother, Nettie Greenwalt, teachers and school district administrators, she received approval to create the Helping Hats program for students in the Reeds Spring school district. The Helping Hats program grants students the privilege to wear hats to school once a month for a one-dollar fee. The fees collected from the Helping Hats program are distributed to local charities monthly. Currently, the program has collected over \$13,000 for local charitable organizations. Sophia's endeavors are a truly exemplary investment in our community.

On May 22, 2011, an EF-5 tornado struck Joplin, Missouri, devastating the once quiet Missouri town. Based on Sophia's efforts, the

Helping Hats program was able to raise more than \$8,000 to donate to the Joplin school district to help with recovery and rebuilding.

Sophia has also been honored for her outstanding charitable activities by the Missouri House of Representatives and the Reeds Spring Board of Education. I would like to add my voice to the growing choir praising the accomplishments of this truly exceptional young woman.

I am proud and humbled by the accomplishments of Sophia Greenwalt and look forward to following her future in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chair, Aloha. I rise today in support of the Lee-Pascrell-Pierluisi-Welch-Sherman-Hirono-DeLauro-Israel-Himes amendment, which reverses the \$126 million cut to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program in H.R. 5326, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013. While I am a proud cosponsor of this amendment, last night I voted for the Grimm amendment to restore this important funding to keep our neighborhoods safe, which passed by two votes.

COPS grants provide funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to hire, preserve and/or rehire career law enforcement officers to increase their community policing capacity. COPS has been an unqualified success. Since this program was established, back when President Clinton was in office, violent crimes have declined throughout the country.

Our state and local law enforcement agencies in Hawaii and across the country have had to make tough choices and tough cuts to weather this economy. To date, COPS grants have funded over 500 additional law enforcement officers in the State of Hawaii, contributing to additional community patrols and other crime prevention efforts to protect lives and property. The restoration of COPS Program funding is critical to ensuring the safety of all our communities, while also protecting and creating jobs for the American people.

I urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during the evening of Tuesday, May 8, and during the