

safe working conditions, the UFW led a worldwide grape boycott that helped secure farm workers a seat at the table in contract negotiations.

In 1963, Delores Huerta was successful at securing Aid for Dependent Families and disability insurance for farm workers in California. Delores Huerta's hard work and determination also paid off in 1975 when the California State Legislature enacted the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which gave farm workers in California the right to organize and bargain for better pay and safer working conditions.

At the age of 82, Delores Huerta continues to fight for social justice, giving a voice to the working poor throughout the country. Through the Delores Huerta Foundation, a non-profit she established in 2002, Ms. Huerta is helping to train a new generation grassroots organizers who are committed to the same ideals and principles she has fought for throughout her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, not only is Delores Huerta a role model to a new generation of civil rights activists, but she remains an inspiration to those who grew up in the '60s and '70s, myself included.

I urge my colleagues in joining me to congratulate Delores Huerta for being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF THE VALLEY OF SYRACUSE

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse upon the occasion of celebrating 150 years of service to the Syracuse, New York community and surrounding areas.

The Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse operates within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America and is comprised of four separate Bodies: Central City Lodge of Perfection, Central City Council Princes of Jerusalem, Central City Chapter of Rose Croix, and Central City Consistory. Each of these four Central City Bodies has been active in Syracuse and nearby areas since 1862.

Scottish Rite Masons are a diverse group of Brothers who come from all walks of life, cultures, religious backgrounds, and careers.

Today, with 750 members in the Valley of Syracuse, The Scottish Rite of Free Masonry supports Schizophrenia research, provides college scholarships to members and their children, and supports many charities and organizations, particularly the Children's Dyslexia Center of Central New York.

It is important that we recognize organizations like the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse for their dedicated service to the community as well as their rich history and involvement in the shaping of the State of New York and the United States of America.

It is with privilege that I pause in my legislative deliberations to congratulate and thank the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse on their 150th Anniversary.

HONORING JAMES L. LITTLEJOHN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

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

Whereas, Ninety years ago on May 16, 1922, a tenacious man of God was born in St. Ann's Jamaica West Indies; and

Whereas, Mr. James L. Littlejohn, born to Georgianna and Nehemiah Littlejohn, grew up in Jamaica where he met and married his sweetheart Millicent and to their union two children were born, Barbara and Gilbert; and

Whereas, Mr. Littlejohn has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Father and Motivator, giving the citizens of Jamaica, England and the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service at Brooklyn Baptist Church (1975) in New York and since 2002 at Peace Baptist Church in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

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

Whereas, Mr. Littlejohn along with his family and friends are celebrating a remarkable milestone, his 90th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Littlejohn on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 16, 2012 as Mr. James L. Littlejohn Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO DAN AGUILAR

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to a true American hero, Dan Aguilar of Palm City, Florida. Dan has been awarded the Silver Plaque International Alpine Solidarity Award, given to individuals who have risked their lives to save others in dangerous mountain accidents. Dan is a well-known mountain rescuer who deserves both the admiration and the praise of this body.

Dan grew up in Dallas, Texas, where he resided for 18 years. After graduating from Crozier Tech High School, he served in the US Army for four years. Upon returning to the United States, he moved to Vail, Colorado where he began his now renowned career in mountain rescue. Dan's love for the mountains has seen him travel the globe and conquer the most dangerous alpine trails in the world. What's more, his mountain climbing adventures have taken him to Mexico, Ecuador, Alaska, and Argentina. But it is not his accomplishments as a climber or mountain hiker that have earned him this prestigious award, but rather it is his courage as a mountain rescuer.

In the early 1980's, Dan suffered the crushing loss of a dear friend that completely changed his view of climbing. For some time he was unable to even fathom climbing again, but this experience eventually drove him to the line of work that has made him a living legend. He has been a member of the Vail Mountain Rescue Group in the nearly three decades since.

For Dan, saving the life of another seems to come naturally. In fact, this award is not the first time he has received recognition for his devotion to helping others. He was also awarded the Mountain Rescue Association's Outstanding Individual Service Award. In all, it is estimated that Dan has been involved in around 500 different rescue missions since his involvement with Mountain Rescue. His advanced rescue skills have also been utilized in rescues on Mt. Rainier in Washington, the Pamirs in Russia, and the Aconcagua in South America.

Dan's dedication and incredible compassion to help others have earned him a legendary reputation and the admiration of people around the world. According to Tim Cochrane, a fellow member of Mountain Rescue, in an article in The Vail Daily by Tamara Miller, "Aguilar is the first volunteer rescuer in North America to win the award."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress, I congratulate Dan on this distinguished and well-deserved award. He is a great American who deserves our gratitude and praise.

Dan, your community, State, and Nation are proud of you.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JOEL OSTEEEN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed an honor to have Pastor Joel Osteen serve as a guest Chaplain to open the house on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 with prayer for members of the House and for our nation. I also take this opportunity to wish Pastor Osteen, his wife Victoria, their family and entire organization well as they prepare and implement a major outpouring of religious favor this week in Washington DC area.

The ability to fill the DC Stadium with people for religious praise and worship is indeed leadership and I commend Rev. Joel Osteen for being able to provide a great deal of that.

TRIBUTE TO SHELDON KOTZIN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of a

dedicated federal employee—Sheldon Kotzin, the Associate Director for Library Operations at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For the past 43 years, Mr. Kotzin has provided outstanding service to NLM, the largest medical library in the world, a hub of national and international scientific medical communication, and a respected leader in information innovation. When he retires on June 29, 2012, Mr. Kotzin will have left his imprint not only on NLM but on generations of its employees, librarians, users and stakeholders, information professionals in the United States and around the globe, journal publishers, and countless others whom he has advised, assisted, and mentored, and with whom he has collaborated.

After earning his Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University in 1968, Mr. Kotzin came to NLM as a Library Associate. Over the years, he has served as Head of the Catalog Maintenance Unit in the Technical Services Division; Head of the Collection Access Section in the Public Services Division (then Loan and Stack); and Coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (then the Regional Medical Library Network). Mr. Kotzin became Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division in 1981 and assumed his post as Associate Director for Library Operations in 2006.

Since 1998, Mr. Kotzin has been Executive Editor of the widely-used MEDLINE database, which provides the bibliographic information of esteemed international biomedical journals from around the world, and Administrator of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, the body that reviews and recommends journals for indexing in MEDLINE. In addition, Mr. Kotzin served as NLM's representative to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, a group of clinical journal editors that establishes the standards for the submission of journal articles and comments on ethical principles related to publication in biomedical journals. Mr. Kotzin has chaired the Janet Doe Lecture Jury and the Joseph Leiter Lectureship Committee for the Medical Library Association, which elected him a Fellow in 2007.

Mr. Kotzin's work has had an enormous influence on journal publishers, NLM users, and countless others. His leadership and tireless efforts have had a significant impact on the development of federal information policies that ensure broad public access to electronic government health information resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to represent Sheldon Kotzin in the U.S. Congress and ask my colleagues to join me in extending to him our gratitude and appreciation for his years of service to our country and his contributions to international scientific medical communication.

MAY 2012 AS NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH MONTH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of May 2012 as National Cancer Research Month.

National Cancer Research Month recognizes the important role that cancer research

plays in the lives of all Americans. Over 570,000 people in the U.S. die from cancer every year. However, federally and privately funded cancer research has led to the development of innovative diagnostics and treatments that have greatly increased the odds of survival. As a result, the country's cancer death rate has decreased 17 percent in the past 20 years.

Besides improving the health of Americans, cancer research also has dramatic impacts on our economy. Research funding supports employment at universities and research institutes and it also leads to the formation of new businesses that spread biomedical innovation and sustain jobs.

Despite real progress in recent years, now is not the time to rest on our laurels in terms of either funding or attention. There is still significant progress to be made in the battle against cancer. Continued investment in research through the federal government is vital for ensuring that we move forward in this fight for health and survivorship. That is why I joined Representative MARKEY and over 150 of my House colleagues in asking the Appropriations Committee to provide at least \$32 billion in funding to the National Institutes of Health for the 2013 fiscal year. Fighting cancer is a national priority, and Congress must step up and provide the necessary resources.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of cancer research and its essential role in supporting the health, economy, and international leadership of our nation.

HONORING THE FORENSICS CHAMPIONS OF THE CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the accomplishments of Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain, both students of Carroll Senior High School, in the field of forensics activities.

Forensics competitions consist of multiple formats of speech and debate in which students demonstrate their respective skills with the spoken word. The Speech and Debate team at Carroll High, ably led by their director, Diana Forbes, has a strong tradition of success in these competitions. This school year, 1,600 students from 200 high schools competed in the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament at which Carroll produced two champions. Senior Arvind Venkataraman won the state championship in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking and freshman Azar Hussain won the state championship in Congressional Debate. Their excellence in speech and debate reflects a talent and a work ethic worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain on their state championships in forensics.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF FIREFIGHTER, DOUGLAS E. MILTON

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Chief Firefighter, Douglas E. Milton for 35 years of dedicated service to the Jordan Fire Department, which provides fire and EMS services to the Village of Jordan, New York and neighboring areas.

Chief Milton joined the Jordan Fire Department in 1964 where he served as Lieutenant, Captain, and First Assistant Chief, before being elected to the seat of Chief of Department in 1977. In his role as Chief of Jordan Fire Department, Chief Milton has demonstrated commitment to the safety and well-being of his community through exceptional leadership and management.

Among his many accomplishments, Chief Milton was instrumental in securing several grants which greatly improved service to the community, organizing and overseeing multiple restoration and construction projects, collaborating with local government officials to expand the department's areas of emergency services, and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Jordan Fire Department.

It is important that we give special recognition to our local leaders in emergency services, particularly firefighters like Chief Douglas E. Milton who put the safety of their community above all else. It is with privilege that I pause and thank Chief Milton for 35 years of leadership and service to others with the Jordan Fire Department.

HONORING HARDY AND ROSE DOGAN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

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

Whereas, the union of Hardy and Rose Dogan in Charleston, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dogan Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dogan Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dogan family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dogan family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dogan family;