

1994, Mrs. Burd served as a special education teacher and taught a resource room class for the perceptually impaired. From 1994 to 1996, Mrs. Burd taught seventh grade language arts and in 1996, Mrs. Burd became Principal of Woodglen Middle School, a position she held until August of 2003. In 2003, Mrs. Burd became the Superintendent of the Lebanon Township School District. For nearly four decades, Mrs. Burd has served the community with great professionalism and dedication.

I am proud to join members of the Lebanon Township Board of Education and many Hunterdon County residents in thanking Judith Burd for her hard work and devotion to the Hunterdon County community. Her lifetime accomplishments and achievements in education will stand as a testament to her dedication to young people.

I am pleased to praise Judith Burd of Hunterdon County, New Jersey and to share her story with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and with the American people.

#### PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I don't support abortion for gender selection. I don't know anyone who does. Maybe that's because there is no problem in this country of abortion for gender selection.

What H.R. 3541 does—what it really does—is make doctors fear criminal prosecution for their privileged patient relationships. What this bill really does is attempt to scare doctors out of providing a legal medical procedure. And therefore, what this bill really does is jeopardize women's access to full medical care.

I've been racking my brain about how you would enforce this law. Would the "small government" Republican majority require notarized affidavits from women and their doctors? Would we have independent investigators?

We all know what this is about—so I have an idea—let's get back to the agenda Americans really want us to talk about: jobs and the economy.

#### A TRIBUTE TO NYEMASTER, GOODE, P.C.

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Des Moines-based law firm, Nyemaster Goode, for being named among our nation's Top 30 Employers by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. In earning this recognition, Nyemaster Goode is also nominated to receive the 2012 Freedom Award from the ESGR.

The ESGR is an agency within the Department of Defense that supports employers who facilitate career opportunities for members of the National Guard and Reserve. The Free-

dom Award is the DoD's highest recognition given to employers for "exceptional support" of Guard and Reserve employees. Nyemaster Goode is one of only 30 employers selected to be nominated for this award out of the staggering 3,236 nationwide nominations received this year. In September, up to 15 recipients will be announced and honored in Washington, D.C., at the 17th annual Freedom Award Ceremony. Since its establishment in 1996, only 160 employers have been honored with this prestigious award.

The honor that is bestowed on finalists of the Freedom Award is put best by the ESGR in stating, "Employers named as finalists for the award distinguish themselves not only for adhering to the employment and reemployment rights of Guard and Reserve members, but for actively creating opportunities to assist and support the service of both Guard and Reserve employees and their families." Nyemaster Goode's unwavering support of our citizen warriors has truly placed the firm as a shining example to our nation's most prominent businesses.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment Nyemaster Goode has shown to the members of the Guard and Reserve is a testament to the respect Iowans share for our men and women in uniform. It is with great pride that I thank Nyemaster Goode for representing Iowa through their efforts, and I wish them luck in September. I trust my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Nyemaster Goode for their remarkable achievement, as well as thanking all the members of the United States Armed Forces, at home and abroad, for their service and sacrifice.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF AGUDATH ACHIM

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 9th, I will have the honor of addressing the Congregation and friends of Agudath Achim and Jewish Community House in the City of Taunton, which I have been privileged to represent for these past 10 years. It will not be my first appearance at this temple, which is an important institution in the Greater Taunton Area. But this will be a meeting of particular significance, because it is part of a celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of this congregation.

Mr. Speaker, on May 7th, the Taunton Gazette published an article about Agudath Achim, which is a good summary of the work it does and the role it has played in the community. I can attest to the work that Agudath Achim does, both for the Jewish community, and for the broader society—for example, it was the host for the most recent Martin Luther King Day Interfaith Observation in Taunton.

Mr. Speaker, because this is an example of how an institution serves both the needs of its own people and the society at large, and because the Taunton Gazette did a very good job of describing this, I ask that the article from the Taunton Gazette be printed here, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating this congregation and the work that they do.

(By Marc Larocque—Taunton Gazette Staff Reporter)

TAUNTON—The Congregation Agudath Achim marked 100 years in the city with a rededication ceremony held at the synagogue this weekend, featuring several guest speakers who talked about their years as part of the Jewish community in Greater Taunton.

"We had a chance for people of all ages to participate," Rabbi Anne Heath said. "The rededication was a chance for us to acknowledge all of our ancestors over the past 100 years and rededicate ourselves, as much as rededicating the building to continue to be a home for the Jewish community for the greater Taunton area. There was no champagne bottle broken or major renovations, but we recognized that this has been the religious and cultural home for generations of Jewish people from the area."

Heath said the rededication was a chance to recognize some of the goodwill that has come as a product of the Congregation Agudath Achim throughout the last century.

"The synagogue has been a focal point for Jews to gather, to study, to pray, and to support each other in good times and bad," Heath said. "It's a base of operation or a home so that many of our members are involved in, doing a lot of good works and good deeds throughout the community. It gives us a chance to socialize and celebrate holidays. Like many other organizations, especially religious ones, it helps us sustain ourselves as a community."

Taunton resident Mike Thurman said that the rededication was a chance to realize just how much the synagogue has enriched his family and many others, bringing everyone together, creating a great sense of community.

"It kind of brought back memories of when we first joined," Thurman said. "Some of the people who came have gotten older and have moved away. It was nice to see them again."

Thurman, a Milton native, moved to the Taunton area in 1975. His wife soon discovered the synagogue through word of mouth, bringing the family into the fold.

"The synagogue is very family oriented," Thurman said. "The congregation is small enough that we know everyone. You end up knowing how everyone's children are growing up, having their bar mitzvah parties. My four daughters had their bat mitzvahs there. It's good to have the synagogue in your life. Basically, it's like having an extended family. Everybody knows everybody. It's a generational thing. We're very fortunate."

On June 30, there will be a reunion celebration for Congregation Agudath Achim. It is another event as part of the congregation's centennial celebrations.

Congressman Barney Frank is also scheduled to be a special guest speaker at a June 9 event with services starting at 9 a.m.

While the congregation has grown with the times—at one point it was an Orthodox synagogue in which men were separated from the women, while now it is a more modern and independent organization—the mission remains the same, Rabbi Heath said.

Heath said that she hopes the next century will be one in which the Congregation Agudath Achim will reach further into the community, touching the lives of many using the religious teachings of Judaism.

"I think one of the most important things for our Jewish community, like all other religious communities, is meet people where they are, find out what's going on in their lives, and to find out what we have to offer to support people where they need it," Heath said. "That's part of the rededication and recommitment. Judaism has a strong ethical component. We believe the teachings of Judaism can support that, whether for a young

person, a parent, an empty nester, dealing with all different kinds of issues. Our teachings and availability of community will play a big role. It's part of the path that we really take into the future."

#### HONORING THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

#### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Student Council of Carroll Senior High School for winning a State medal in the Texas Future Problem Solving Program.

The young people who serve on an effective Student Council are skilled leaders, and nowhere is that more evident than in an exceptional school like Carroll Senior High. In addition to fulfilling their demanding leadership duties, many of the members of the Student Council participate in the Future Problem Solving Program. This international program aims to foster students' skills in creative thinking and working together to solve real and significant problems. They then take these skills and bring them to the world beyond the classroom walls as they grow into tomorrow's leaders.

In Carroll Senior High School, Greg Lang, Courtney Smith, Megan Gill, and Mattie Shirley worked tirelessly on their project, "Dragons Dig Deeper". They looked to their special needs peers right at home in the halls of Carroll and improved methods of including them in the community. As a Community Problem Solving effort, "Dragons Dig Deeper" received a State medal from the Texas Future Problem Solving Program. The compassion exemplified by these students serves as an example to us all and encourages my hope for a better future both in my district and in our Nation. I would also like to recognize the fine work of the Student Council's director, Niki Gilley, and the invaluable assistance of Laura Wood-Smith.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Student Council of Carroll Senior High School on their earning a State medal in the Future Problem Solving Program. And I also ask that we thank the members of the council for the service they have lent our community.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD P. ZAHNER

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan rise to congratulate JC Richard P. Zahner, the 43rd Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 (Intelligence) of the United States Army on his monumental and invaluable contributions to our national security from June 1976 until June 2012.

Commissioned into the Regular Army as a Military Intelligence Officer from Cornell University in June 1976, Lieutenant General Zahner consistently distinguished himself in

difficult jobs that required superior leadership and keen innovation.

His distinguished 36 year military career included assignments in peace and war, at the tactical and national levels, in both conventional and Special Operations, and within the Army and at Joint and Combined Commands.

A 1980 plank owner of the Joint Special Operations Command, he was a cornerstone in the foundation that created the culture of excellence and achievement that exists to this day.

A dynamic force for innovation and technology balanced with a keen commitment to soldiers, he consistently challenged himself to be a change agent and transformation catalyst while integrating Army intelligence with wider Intelligence Community initiatives. He demonstrated unwavering resolve to build wartime readiness and provide brilliant and visionary Intelligence leadership.

His success is manifested in Army Intelligence support throughout the globe. His legacy will remain with the Army and in the Intelligence Community for years to come.

We wish him and his family Godspeed and good fortune as they complete their Army service and transition to the next successful chapter of their lives. Our nation is better and safer because of this superb Military Intelligence Soldier.

#### PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this flawed and dangerous bill, which attempts to use the very real issue of gender discrimination as a pretext to roll back women's health and basic reproductive rights.

The authors of this legislation claim it is intended to fight discrimination against female children in America. In fact, this is just another thinly veiled attempt by the Majority to enact their ideological preferences into law, put barriers between a woman and her doctor, and take us back to a time when family planning opportunities did not exist for women.

We have now seen a disturbing pattern from this Majority. From endlessly trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act to, earlier this month, blocking the bipartisan Violence Against Women Act reauthorization that passed the Senate, the Majority has continually worked to roll back women's health protections in America.

It is doubly insulting for them to try it again here, while claiming to stand up for women. If the authors of this legislation are seriously concerned with gender discrimination, I strongly urge them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act, which helps ensure that men and women are paid the same for the same job.

What they should not do is pass another ideological and discriminatory bill that claims to stand up for women while putting their health at risk. I urge my colleagues to vote no on this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FEDERAL WAY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC TEAM

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team for qualifying for the National Academic Bowl in Washington, DC. Advancing to compete in this national event is a tremendous accomplishment and these cadets should be extremely proud.

The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC Team is comprised of David Yang (Junior, Team Captain), Blaise Pascual (Junior), Roger Arenas (Sophomore), Benjamin Swartz (Sophomore), Varun Sharma (Junior, Alternate), Arishma Prasad (Freshman, Alternate). The team is coached by Randall Long, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.). In addition to participating in the Academic Bowl, these JROTC cadets have learned about citizenship and community service, while developing core values of responsibility, character, and self-discipline through the JROTC program.

Prior to qualifying for the National Academic Bowl, team members competed in two preliminary rounds where they were tested on standard high school curriculum, including math, science, English, and current events. The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team placed among the top of 183 teams that competed nationwide. The top 16 Air Force Academic Bowl teams advanced to the finals in Washington, DC and the winner of the Air Force Academic Bowl will advance to the JROTC Tri-Service Academic Championship.

The Academic Bowl helps students prepare for success on ACT and SAT exams, develop interest in college admission, demonstrate the academic strength of the JROTC program, and build team and unit spirit. The Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team will spend the next few months preparing for the Academic Bowl Championship by developing and studying a SAT tutorial plan.

It is with great honor that I recognize the work of the Federal Way High School Air Force JROTC team and their qualification for the National Academic Bowl. I know that this accomplishment is indicative of the future successes of these dedicated cadets.

#### TRIBUTE TO BARBARA GRAVES

#### HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, everyone is familiar with the saying that behind every good man is a good woman. I rise today to note that there is probably no person who exemplifies that homily more than Barbara Kydd Graves—the wife of Black Enterprise Magazine's founder, chairman, and publisher Earl G. Graves, Sr.—who died this week and will be laid to rest on Saturday, June 2.

Mrs. Graves was not only a good wife and the family matriarch, but she was also a major guiding light of Black Enterprise with her quiet strength, inspiration, and caring personality.