

acres under protection and collaborates on a number of projects with government agencies.

The Las Cabezas de San Juan Nature Preserve near Fajardo is a wonderful example of both nature and historical preservation. The site has a bioluminescent lagoon as well as a mangrove forest that allows for visitors to walk through it on a series of boardwalks without disturbing the natural habitat. It also has one of the original Spanish lighthouses, which has been restored and serves as a museum and dormitory for visiting research students.

The Hacienda Buena Vista outside of Ponce is a testament to man's imagination. Built in the 1850's as a coffee plantation it is run on hydropower where the water is drawn from the mountain stream, used to power the plantation, and returned to the stream. It contains a wonderful water turbine engine that was manufactured in West Point, NY and shipped to Puerto Rico.

The Trust is currently restoring a sugar plantation near Manati. It totals 2300 acres and gives a glimpse into the past of Puerto Rico when the sugar industry was a vibrant part of the economy.

Ms. Lee An Rodriguez has been a leader at the Trust in educating others on the importance of land preservation and particularly the importance of having clean water. She is being honored, along with three other scientists, for her leadership in developing citizen science groups under a program funded by the National Science Foundation.

Both Ms. Rodriguez and the Conservation Trust Fund of Puerto Rico are to be commended for their exemplary work in the field of conservation.

Mr. Speaker, I submit an article from the Caribbean Business noting this honor for Ms. Rodriguez.

PR SCIENTIST HONORED AT WHITE HOUSE

Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico development manager Lee Ann Rodriguez is among four scientists who lead citizen science groups funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) being honored in a White House ceremony on Tuesday.

Rodriguez is currently training hundreds of residents of Puerto Rico to lead citizen groups that will study the impacts of urbanization on the biodiversity and cultural resources of the Manati River watershed.

Ultimately, Rodriguez's trainees, who range in age from teenagers to retirees, will cumulatively lead thousands of other citizen scientists, many of whom would otherwise have minimal exposure to science. The data they produce will support long-term watershed monitoring and inform land use decision-making in Puerto Rico.

Rodriguez, the other three NSF-funded Champions of Change, along with eight other Citizen Scientist Champions of Change will be recognized for their exemplary leadership in involving the broader, non-expert community in research on science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

The Citizen Science Champions of Change are leaders in a field that is currently exploding in popularity—partly because the Internet and new applications afford quick and effective communication between citizen scientists and scientists. More than 600 citizen science groups are currently engaging more than 100,000 worldwide volunteers.

In addition, data from citizen scientists has been incorporated into more than 1,000 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals. In fact, much of our current understanding about the distribution of plants and animals, the quality of water in streams and rivers,

observed astronomy and the evidence of global climate changes was derived from data produced by citizen science projects.

Operating as a private, nonprofit organization, the Conservation Trust manages a number of the island's environmentally sensitive areas, while promoting the concepts of conservation to schools and the general public through volunteer programs, reforestation projects and various community workshops and events. In this way, the Conservation Trust, founded more than 40 years ago, works toward its goal of protecting and enhancing the precious natural resources of Puerto Rico.

IN HONOR OF "AUNTY" MARY BOURDUKOFSKY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a devoted wife and mother, a respected spiritual and community leader, and most importantly, a great Alaskan. On June 2, 2013, the Alaskan community of St. Paul Island lost one of its most revered elders, Mary Nicolai Bourdukofsky.

"Aunt" Mary, as she was affectionately known throughout her community, was a staunch supporter for the continuation and preservation of Aleut culture, language and tradition.

To paraphrase Mary's life in a few sentences would serve only to cheapen it, for her accomplishments were widespread and varied as they were valued. She was an advocate for her Aleut community during years of involuntary internment during World War II, served as a delegate to the Alaska Federation of Natives, and assisted with the development of cultural exhibits at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and for the Smithsonian's Alaska Native Collections. Mary also taught at three universities throughout the state and promoted the importance of cultural education.

Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of knowing her, and the great many that were touched by her tireless efforts and countless deeds. For those who did not, I pray that they too have the opportunity to know someone like Mary, a person whose unrelenting dedication and resolute sense of character cannot be easily duplicated.

Mr. Speaker, today I mourn with Mary's family and community and share my sadness at the loss of one of Alaska's most dedicated daughters. In the words of Thomas Campbell: "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

IN HONOR OF DR. CHRIS GODDARD FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE GREAT LAKES

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Great Lakes Task Force, I rise today to honor Dr. Chris Goddard, executive secretary of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, who

retires this month after nearly 20 years of exceptional service to the organization and a career of commitment to the health of our treasured Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is a U.S./Canadian institution established by the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, a treaty between the two nations. Under the treaty, the commission advances science; helps the States, the province of Ontario, and the U.S. tribes work together to manage the Great Lakes fishery; and carries out the essential sea lamprey control program, an effort upon which the very existence of the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery depends.

Because the commission stands alone in the Great Lakes basin as the locus for multi-lateral fishery management, its executive secretary must be a savvy leader and must motivate cooperation. Chris is enthusiastic, passionate, dedicated to the institution, committed to science, and driven by a deep-seated motivation to simply do what is right for the Great Lakes.

During his tenure, Chris led the commission into the new millennium with a positive vision for the future of the fishery and a plan to create a commission capable of responding to the basin's biggest challenges. He made it a priority to acquire the funds necessary to increase the control of sea lamprey—a destructive, invasive fish that changed the way of life in the basin but is now suppressed by 90 percent. In doing so, he helped create the conditions necessary for a thriving and healthy fishery. Perhaps most notably, he helped the commission make prominent and essential contributions to the President's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative by focusing commission projects on native species recovery and invasive species control.

Chris' time at the commission is the culmination of a long and productive career. A native of Canada, he grew up in Virginia Beach (his father was stationed there while serving NATO), was educated in Toronto, and managed Ontario's fishery assessment, fishery research, client services, and remote sensing programs. He was the district manager of Algonquin Provincial Park and was responsible for Canada's freshwater fishery program. I am proud to note that he lives and works in Ann Arbor, Michigan, part of my district.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Chris Goddard is largely responsible for the active, vibrant, and respected Great Lakes Fishery Commission that we see today. I honor Chris for all he has done for the commission, for the two nations, and for the Great Lakes. Please join me in thanking Chris for his unparalleled leadership. We wish him well in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Scleroderma Awareness Month.

On behalf of the thousands of patients impacted by this disease in my district and throughout the State of New York, I am honored to join Congresswoman CAPPS as the

lead co-sponsor of H.R. 1429, the Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act.

Research supported by the National Institutes of Health has led to groundbreaking discoveries in possible treatments and has enhanced the medical community's understanding of the progression of this disease. As physicians and medical researchers have yet to find a cure or a disease-specific treatment, physicians are left offering treatments that minimize the impact of the disease's progression and alleviate patient symptoms. This legislation provides for continued federal investment at the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin diseases in basic and clinical research related to scleroderma.

I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join us in supporting H.R. 1429 and to participate in the many scleroderma awareness activities organized by patient and community groups in their communities. Please join me in supporting the efforts of the 300,000 patients and their families to bring awareness to this disease and hopefully, one day a cure.

IN HONOR OF THE BLUE AND GRAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the brave heroes who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. As we approach the 150th anniversary of one of the most crucial battles of the Civil War I have been highlighting the unique personal stories of soldiers from my district of Pennsylvania who served at Gettysburg. Each day leading up to the anniversary we recognize that these citizen soldiers were regular people, just like us, who rose to extraordinary challenges in defense of liberty and freedom for all. Today, in the honor of those brave men, I am proud to submit this tribute poem written Albert Carey Caswell.

BLUE AND GRAY

Blue . . .
Blue and Gray . . .
As a coming storm,
before our Nation so lay!
So surely one of her darkest of all nights!
Darkest of all days!

Blue . . .
Blue and Gray!
When, it was Brother versus Brother . . .
Taking up arms against one another,
marching out into that darkness of,
all of those most dreadful of days!
From the battle of Bull Run,
to "Pickett's Charge" . . .
as so gallantly moving forth,
were but all of America's Sons!
As we so look back,
at all of that heartache begun,
and all of their graves!
So contemplating,
all of their bright futures they gave!
As all of those grieving Mothers,
so cried and so prayed!
So cried and so prayed!
While, all of those tears,
ran down their most quivering face,
as upon them now lay!

Blue . . .
Blue and Gray,
as some of America's darkest of nights . . .
So surely,

some of her darkest of all days!
As the blood flowed and poured . . .
With all of that death and so gore!
That which time can not so erase,
nor so ever ignore!
The ones,
Who So Gave Those Last Full Measures,
one's life is but the greatest of treasures!

Blue . . .
Blue and Gray!
As with all of its scars,
our Nation so lives with this day!
All in its loss!
All in it's cost!
Of such a magnitude so very grave!

Blue . . .
Blue and Gray . . .
As dark evil slavery,
so held our Nation at bay!
And States Rights,
were but the talk of the day!
As it was North vs South!
As a Nation's future,
so hung all in the balance!
Blue!
Blue and Gray!
As this war would so take,
eventually this great President to his grave!
And all of the burdens he bore,
so made him so age!
Each year was ten as you looked at his face!
When Succession and Summer,
exploded all on that day!
With a coming great battle up ahead,
but still on its way!
Which would so determine this war's fate!
For "a house divided can not so stand",
in any way!

Blue!
Blue and Gray!
As the children so cried both night and day!
As now without Fathers,
their futures were paved!
And then three days in July,
all in the midst of such hell,
as they so battled two sides!
As for victory they were all so trying to vie!
As they all so moved forth,
with but tears in their eyes . . .
Knowing full well,
that all in this hell,
that death before them now lie!
And yet still,
with all of their iron wills they so heroically,
marched into the darkness!
as the fields turned to red . . .
All on this day,
and to the South what it all had to say . . .
With bodies strewn into pieces,
which now all so beseech us!
As everywhere the smell of death as so
greet us!

Of which now so lies beneath us!
And all about their faith and courage,
of what it so teaches!
As The South had so lost the future,
and now eventually the war,
as victory they would never so see again so
for sure!

In three days over 51,000 most magnificent
men died,
and over 27,000 were wounded . . .
as our Nation so wept and so cried!
As they gave up their strong arms and once
legs,
and all of those most precious of all eyes,
and their bright futures they gave!
In places like Little and Big Round Top,
as they fell and would not so stop,
in Gulp's Hill where the blood flowed and
poured,
where they all so gave all the more!

From Oak's to McPherson's Ridge,
and from Seminary to Cemetery all of their
gifts,
and heard all of their last final cries . . .
to Devil's Den where face down they so lie!

As one and all so gave up their most precious
lives!

As the Mothers cried!
As the first innocent died,
as her name was Ginnie Wade!
As why,
we should all so hate most evil war on this
day!

But, the ones who so hate war but
the most!

Are all of those magnificent's,
who must take all of those lives while fight-
ing close! 51 And so watch all of their
Brothers die in their arms,

who meant the most!
And leave all their loved ones so far behind,
all in such tears now all as ghosts!
But where would we all be,
if it were but not for the likes of all of these?
From this The Home of The Brave,
and this The Land of The Free . . .
And then into a future,
such a most magnificent moment so came to
be!

As now all so etched in time,
is but a sheer work of art and beauty!
Serving as a blessing to all of Mankind and
history!

As the beginning of a healing that a Nation
would need!

With a President's Gettysburg Address . . .
Which so brought tears to history's eyes all
in its behest!

"To bind up our Nation's wounds",
as Abraham so spoke these words which
would bless! "That this nation, by the
people, for the people,
shall not perish from the earth" as was this
test!

So simple!

So sure!

So perfect and pure!

272 words, that which said . . . so . . . so . . .
so much more!

Then, all the volumes of books in a library
so ever stored!

As each word was so built upon the next!
Like a pyramid,
all in its strength as out into a future as
etched!

As was Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, no
less!

A Gift To The Ages that he so left!

Blue . . .

Blue and Gray!

Some of our Nation's darkest of nights,
darkest of days!

And let us not forget,
all of their light that which they so was left!
"That these dead shall not have died in
vain" . . .

By remembering,
all their life's embers,
as we so walk through these hallowed fields
. . .

All in what they so faced!
And what was so said,
all in this most hallowed place where they
bled!

All in their most precious blood,
which so turned all of those fields into red,
from their heroic bodies which raced!
All in what was so heard and so done!
By all of these most selfless of all ones!
All so help a war to be won!
In this town called Gettysburg,
please listen to what was so said all in his-
tory heard!

Close your eyes and now listen!
As you can hear the cannons exploding,
as by you head the bullets are hissing!
As you can feel and hear their last most val-
iant cries,
as your listening!
And feel all of their loved ones tears,
who will forever be missing!

Blue . . .