

WHO estimates that more than 14,000 people die daily from water-borne illnesses, which cause:

More than 1 billion cases of intestinal worms, 1.4 million child diarrheal deaths and 500,000 deaths from malaria.

Moreover, water is at the root of international conflict. A growing number of conflicts are exacerbated by limited access to water. Increasing demand and greater variability in rainfall can inflame tensions, such as the concern Egypt has expressed about the impact of the Nile's flow due to Ethiopia's proposed Grand Renaissance Dam.

Although water circulates, returning to availability through various natural processes as evaporation, clouds and rain, only about 2.5 percent of the planet's water is fresh rather than salty, and less than half that amount is available in rivers, lakes and underground aquifers. Pollution consumes some of the available water from industrial or agricultural runoff. An estimated 40 percent of U.S. rivers and 46 percent of U.S. lakes are considered unfit for fishing, swimming or drinking, and we are a developed country with significant resources. Developing countries too often don't keep adequate track of the extent of pollution nor have the ability to adequately do something about it. Other constraints on the global supply of water include efforts to privatize water systems in the developing world and the encroachment of salt water into fresh water systems.

The challenges to ensuring that clean water is available to people in developing countries are serious. That is why new legislation is being developed—The Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013—intended to support the original 2005 act by strengthening and refining its implementation. The new bill calls on USAID to continue to observe the Water for the Poor Act of 2005 in the implementation of its Water and Development Strategy. The bill would elevate the positions of our first two witnesses today—the USAID Global Water Coordinator and the State Department Special Advisor for Water Resources to report directly to the Administrator of USAID and Secretary of State respectively. Among other provisions, the bill requires local consultation on water management and usage and encourages local contracting on water, sanitation and hygiene projects. I am co-sponsoring this legislation because water is life, and we must be as efficient as possible in our efforts to provide clean water to those in need worldwide.

#### RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special occasion for the University of Central Florida (UCF). The University of Central Florida celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 10, 2013.

On June 10, 1963, during the state of Florida's thirty-ninth legislative session, Florida Governor Farris Bryant signed Legislative Bill 125 that officially created a new state university in the east central section of Florida. The

Board of Controls approved the site for the university near the Orange and Seminole Counties' line on January 24, 1964. However, the future site of the university would remain untouched for years as the Florida legislature struggled to provide construction funds.

In December 1965, Dr. Charles Millican became the university's first and only employee. Dr. Millican and the university's first offices were above a drugstore located in downtown Orlando at the corner of Church Street and Orange Avenue. On January 17, 1966, the university was named Florida Technological University (FTU), and three days later on January 20, 1966, the first prospective student inquiry arrived via postcard from Gaithersburg, Maryland. The following year on March 19, 1967, Florida Governor Claude Kirk and over 2,000 supporters formally inaugurated the groundbreaking of FTU.

In April 1968, the official seal, the Pegasus, was approved as the university's logo and FTU received their first research grant from NASA for \$12,500. Opened on June 24, 1968, FTU's library became the first functioning building on campus and housed the administration, staff offices, library and classrooms. In the fall of 1968, the first four residence halls opened to 432 students. The Student Union would not be constructed until twelve years later in 1980.

On January 31, 1968, FTU's first catalog was published. A few months later on October 7, 1968, FTU's first edition of their student newspaper, later named "The FuTure," published that FTU had fifty-five degree programs, 1,948 enrolled students, 90 instructors and 150 staff members. The Orlando Sentinel went on to report that October 7, 1968, will forever be remembered as the day that changed Orlando and Central Florida. In 1969, the university received its first computer, a "Model 1200," that was operated by Dr. Harry Poole.

Walter Komanksi ran unopposed and was elected as the first Student Government President on March 9, 1969. In November 1969, the first formal Greek life rush was held for FTU's first sorority, Phi Beta Phi, and first fraternity, Pi Kappa Epsilon. On November 21, 1969, the university's basketball team recorded its first win when they defeated Massey Institute, 99–38. The following summer, on June 14, 1970, FTU conducted their first commencement ceremony for 423 graduating seniors.

On December 7, 1970, FTU changed their logo and announced that the Knights of the Pegasus would become the university's new mascot. The Alumni Association was established the following year on March 5, 1971, and the first Distinguished Alumni Award would be awarded eight years later in March 1979 to Dick Batchelor, Class of 1971. Six days after the Alumni Association was established, on March 11, 1971, FTU celebrated its first homecoming at a basketball game against the Florida Institute of Technology. Five years later, on December 1, 1976, students buried a bicentennial time capsule on campus. The time capsule is to be opened in 2026.

Florida Governor Reubin Askew signed legislation on December 6, 1978, which changed the name of FTU to the University of Central Florida (UCF). Following the university's name change, on January 15, 1979, Trevor Colbourn was inaugurated as UCF's second president. During President Colbourn's first

months, he and Athletics Director Jack O'Leary approved the development of the UCF football program to become part of NCAA Division III. On September 22, 1979, UCF traveled to play its first football game against St. Leo University and won 21–0. Continuing UCF's intercollegiate athletic development, the Wayne Densch Sports Center was dedicated to UCF on October 22, 1986. Years later, in 1996, UCF's athletics would move to NCAA Division I–A. And, ten years after moving to NCAA Division I–A, the University of Central Florida Cheerleading Squad would become National Champions.

In March of 1992, Dr. John C. Hitt became the third President of the University of Central Florida, and has been serving the UCF community as President for over 20 years. I had the personal honor of working with Dr. Hitt while serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for UCF. Under Dr. Hitt's leadership, UCF has planned and won approval for a new college of medicine, doubled enrollment while enhancing the quality of academic offerings, increasing the number of doctoral degrees awarded each year, and expanded research funding.

Continuing their development, on May 1, 1993, UCF became an official member of the nation's oldest higher education association, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. In 1994, President Hitt formed a committee to create a new design for UCF's mascot, and thus "Knightro" was born. "Knightro" made his first appearance as the university's new mascot at a football game on November 19, 1994. The following November, the first UCF Spirit Splash would take place when students entered the forbidden Reflecting Pond on campus during homecoming festivities. Today, the UCF Spirit Splash is considered to be one of the best collegiate traditions in Florida.

At the new student convocation in August 2001, President John C. Hitt debuted the University of Central Florida Creed and began a new tradition for the university. The UCF Creed developed a value system for the students, faculty and staff to adopt, share and incorporate into all aspects of university life. Six years later in September 2007, the grand openings of the UCF Arena and the Bright House Networks Stadium took place just in time for the 2007–2008 athletic seasons.

During the 2013 State of Florida Legislative Session, Florida Senate Resolution 1780 extended congratulations to the faculty, administration, staff, student, and alumni of the University of Central Florida on the occasion of their 50th anniversary and recognized March 20, 2013, as "UCF Day" in Florida.

Today, with over 190,000 alumni and as a leader in academics and research, the University of Central Florida is the largest university in the state of Florida and the second largest university in the United States. UCF students and alumni have come from all fifty states nationwide and over 145 countries. As one of the nation's most dynamic universities offering 212 degree programs and 18 study abroad programs, the University of Central Florida's quality of academic offerings is remarkable.

I commend UCF for their leadership, dedication and accomplishments. On behalf of the people of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate UCF on this momentous occasion. May their 50 years of dedication to the classroom and the community inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

CONGRATULATING THE VAIL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR  
STRAIGHT A REPORT CARD

**HON. RON BARBER**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vail School District on the high honor of receiving a "Straight A" report card from the Arizona Department of Education. This is an extraordinary accomplishment.

Vail School District was founded over one hundred years ago as a one-room schoolhouse in the middle of a ranching community at a water stop on the Southern Pacific Railroad. Over the last century, the district has grown to serve a population over a four hundred square mile area in southern Arizona. It currently serves twelve thousand and continues to expand, with an eighteenth school under construction.

The Vail community has shown strong support of its schools, staff, and teachers. This has played an important role in helping the district achieve its remarkable success.

The mission of the Vail School District is to provide parents with safe and nurturing school communities where their children can obtain a quality education. Such a dedication to proven instructional practices and great care for the students has led to the accolades we celebrate today.

This success would not have been possible without the exceptional leadership of Superintendent Calvin Baker; the school board, Claudia Anderson, Randy Kinkade, Margaret Burkholder, Jim Coulter, and Debbie King; and the dedicated staff and teachers of the district. I am proud to represent such an outstanding public school district which is a model of what can be accomplished by providing an environment and education that prepares our children for future success.

ON THE OCCASION OF ALLAN  
GILMOUR'S RETIREMENT FROM  
THE PRESIDENCY OF WAYNE  
STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Allan Gilmour, the President of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, for his lifetime of service to the people of Michigan in both the public and private sectors. In August, Allan will be stepping down from the presidency of Wayne State, where he has been since his appointment as Interim President on January 18, 2011.

In his more than two-year tenure as Wayne State's President, he has focused on transforming the school's position within the Greater Detroit community. Among his top initiatives have been to enhance the quality of education both in academic and practical settings, increase interdisciplinary research, and strengthen Wayne State's ties to Michigan's business community. Having worked in the private sector for many decades, Allan understands the significant connections between academic in-

stitutions that develop the leaders and researchers of the future and the business community that relies on the talent, innovative thinking, and dedication of young adults as they join the workforce. The construction of a state-of-the-art Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building, where researchers from the entire spectrum of natural scientific fields can interact to solve complex biological questions, is just the latest example of projects that have occurred under Allan's leadership.

While Allan's work at Wayne State is impressive, it is just his most recent endeavor; prior to his tenure as Wayne State's President, Allen worked for Ford Motor Company for almost forty years. Allan's story is one of dedication and hard work, that saw him grow from a Financial Analyst when he joined Ford in 1960 to become Ford Motor Company's Chief Financial Officer from 1986 to 1987 and then again from March 2002 to July 2003. During his time at Ford he also served as its President from March 1990 to January 1993. In his leadership positions at Ford, Allan made a tremendous impact on an organization whose products are vital to continued economic vitality of our nation.

Even with all of his professional success and the impact he has made on Michigan in his professional roles, nowhere has Allan's commitment to his neighbors, friends, and his state been greater than in his philanthropic endeavors. Currently, Allan serves a Chairman for the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, taking a leadership role in a non-profit that has invested substantial resources into the revitalization of the Greater Detroit region. Allan also serves on boards for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Detroit Partnership, the Detroit Zoo, the Karmanos Cancer Institute, and Midtown Detroit. Each of these organizations is dedicated to improving the lives of Michigan residents and vitality of Southeast Michigan. With his experience and expertise, Allan continues to be a strong and effective advocate for the people, businesses and communities of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the profound impact Allan Gilmour has made on Michigan and, specifically, the Greater Detroit region. I am fortunate to count Allan as a friend, and even more fortunately as a trusted advisor. I wish Allan and his partner, Eric Jergens, well as he enters a new chapter in his life, and I know that he will continue changing the lives of Michigan residents for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit clarification for the Official Record regarding my recorded vote for Amendment No. 6, offered by my colleague Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, to H.R. 1582 on Thursday August 1, 2013. My recorded vote was "no", which was done in error. I would like to clarify that my intended vote on Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 1582, the Energy Consumers Relief Act, was a "yes".

RECOGNIZING ED STERN'S COM-  
MITMENT AND SERVICE TO  
KITSAP COUNTY REGION OF  
WASHINGTON STATE

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Stern, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance's 2013 Economic Development Champion of the Year. Mr. Stern's vision and tireless service have created substantive opportunities for local, regional and statewide development.

Mr. Stern has spent his entire adult life working for the benefit of his community. For over 25 years, he has spearheaded economic development in the region. Mr. Stern currently serves on Poulsbo's City Council, sits on the boards of the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance and the Association of Washington Cities, and serves the Puget Sound Regional Council as chair of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

Mr. Speaker, 2012 was a busy year for Mr. Stern. He led a large, active delegation of Kitsap leaders in crafting the Regional Economic Strategy, a comprehensive blueprint for economic reform and development aimed at securing long term, sustainable economic health in the region. He championed state legislation that would revitalize local retail cores by helping cities renovate abandoned buildings. He also worked to provide citizens of Poulsbo with free, high-speed internet, courtesy of a large antenna on Fourth Avenue. It is precisely because of these accomplishments that Ed Stern has received this award from the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance. He has driven real change for his community members, for their regional neighbors, and for the citizens of Washington State.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Ed Stern, with his limitless energy, has made significant contributions to our region and its citizens. I am pleased to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO LINDA  
GRANDQUIST

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Linda Grandquist for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.