

100% disability in 1998 and he took up art and portrait painting. Four years ago, he and his wife Delphine moved to Texas.

When his daughter Bobby was 16 in 1998, she asked Martinson for his dog tags. She admired her warrior father and wanted the tags to wear to show he was part of the rare breed of Vietnam fighters. Martinson looked in his "war chest" and was surprised that they were not there. He surmised that the dog tag on the boot had been destroyed and the other tag was left behind on the battlefield. His guess had been right. It remained on that same battlefield for 43 years, until Naismith found it.

On August 20, 2013, Naismith and some of the other searchers got on motorcycles, left California and headed east—to Sugarland Texas. They took L.P. Martinson's dog tag with them. Three days later—45 years after Martinson was wounded in battle—Martinson and Naismith met for the first time at Martinson's home. The day after they met, a special ceremony was held in Missouri City, Texas, in honor of Sergeant Lanny P. Martinson, United States Marine Corps. More than 100 people attended the event, including motorcycle club members, Vietnam vets, citizens, and City Councilmember Danny Ngyuen—who was a young child living in South Vietnam during the war. Naismith presented Martinson the dog tag that had been left behind.

The Australian teacher and the U.S. Marine—now friends—plan to travel to Vietnam together. They will visit the battlefield of Khe Sanh where Martinson and his buddies valiantly fought, where he was wounded, and where a dog tag . . . was left behind.

Lanny Martinson intends to bequeath his dog tag to his daughter.

And that's just the way it is.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,492,645,235.04. We've added \$6,111,615,596,321.96 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, serving five counties of northwest New Jersey, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

As a non-profit law firm, the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey seeks to provide free

legal assistance on matters affecting essential needs of low-income and other vulnerable people in our community. In the past ten years, Legal Services of New Jersey has provided services for 42,873 low-income constituents in the area. Their services seek to help individuals maintain safe and affordable housing, gain suitable incomes, access quality health care and secure family stability. The organization has attorneys and administrators working in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren counties.

Legal Services of Northwest Jersey is dedicated to the cause of equal justice and each year prioritizes their work and mission to serve different needs of the low-income community. Recently, the organization has focused on disaster legal assistance, access to health care and assistance for those affected by HIV/AIDS. In these areas, the organization has helped those affected by Superstorm Sandy as well as those seeking legal advice on accessing benefits of the Affordable Care Act and Medicare/Medicaid. In order to provide these services, as a public-private partnership, the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey is funded by federal, state and county governments. Most notably, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, the Merck Foundation and the County Bar Associations provide support for the organization. In addition, the organization received a \$20,000 grant from the State of New Jersey in October 2012, specifically to provide legal access to those constituents affected by HIV/AIDS.

To highlight one of their own, William F. Matrician, Esq., a veteran, has served as an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Morris County since 1971. He was instrumental in helping the organization grow into the well-recognized and respected non-profit law firm that it is today. His colleague, Joel A. Murphy, Esq., describes Bill as "a great attorney with a very big heart". Bill's character and dedicated service to those less-fortunate in his community is indicative of all those who devote their work and time to the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey's mission.

In recent news, the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey has made available its MENTOR (Meeting Education Needs Through Representation) program to low-income constituents. The Daily Record, highlighted and explained the mission of the program that seeks to meet the education needs of its client families through representation over a broad range of educational areas, including special education, school attendance and registration, homelessness, educational access and school disciplinary proceedings. Through the MENTOR and similar programs, the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey provides constituents with help in obtaining their basic rights as citizens, in this case, access to a quality education.

Recently, the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey has struggled to provide the civil legal services needed by their constituents due to fewer resources. Despite such obstacles, the organization has continued to provide the most comprehensive and helpful legal advice it can to low-income constituents of northwest New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Legal Services of Northwest Jersey as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 460, I was unable to be present for the vote on H.R. 3092. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING LEAH LAUDICK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a young constituent, Leah Elizabeth Laudick of Greensburg, Indiana.

Leah was a beautiful young girl who enjoyed collecting rocks, chasing butterflies, and picking flowers. Leah loved being with her family whether it was playing basketball with her brothers or caring for her younger siblings. Leah's parents, Andy and Shelly Laudick, were both good friends of mine, and Leah's dad, Andy, was a fellow member of the Greensburg Pirates' varsity football team.

We mourn a life that ended too soon and pray for understanding and comfort for family members and those in our community who knew and loved Leah. While in times of turmoil we struggle to understand the unexplainable, may we find peace and joy in our religious faith and the memories of time shared with those we love.

I ask the citizens of the 6th Congressional District to join me in keeping Andy and Shelly, their sons Brayden, Luke, Reid and Nicholas, daughters, Lauren and Adalyn and the entire extended Laudick family in our thoughts and prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. QUENTIN YOUNG

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and hero, Dr. Quentin Young, and to wish him a very happy 90th birthday. Quentin Young is the most cheerful, indefatigable, self-confident, unrelenting and optimistic warrior for justice that I have ever known. He is a tireless activist for health care justice, social justice, and equality.

My physician (until he retired without my permission) and friend, Quentin has been the nationally recognized, erudite and silver-tongued spokesperson and irrepressible cheerleader for a single-payer national health care system for the last many decades. He coined the phrase "Everybody in, Nobody out."

Literally "walking the walk", Quentin Young walked the state of Illinois advocating for universal health care with now Governor Pat Quinn. He was doctor, friend and advisor to Mayor Harold Washington, and personal physician to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during his

visits to Chicago. Quentin never missed a chance to weigh in on what is now known as Obamacare.

Dr. Young is Chairman of Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, a group that he founded in 1980 to promote social justice and challenge inequities in health and health care. He is also the national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program. He served as chairman for the Department of Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago during the 1970's and early 1980's, where he established the Department of Occupational Medicine. In 1998, Dr. Young served as President of the American Public Health Association, and in 1997 he was inducted as a Master of the American College of Physicians. In 2010, Dr. Young was appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn as the Illinois' Public Health Advocate.

A renaissance man, Quentin Young is a great supporter of the arts and hosted his own radio show on WBEZ—Chicago area's PBS station. I am honored to call him a treasured friend and to be among the legions of people, young and old, who have relied on him as a mentor and for whom he is a leader and example of how to live a meaningful and spirited life. His work is making the world a healthier and better place. Happy Birthday, Dr. Quentin Young.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VICTORIA NULAND

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ambassador Victoria Nuland,

who was sworn in this afternoon as the State Department's Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia. Assistant Secretary Nuland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, has served with distinction under Democratic and Republican Presidents, most recently as State Department Spokesperson, as U.S. Ambassador to NATO, and as the former Vice President's Principal Deputy National Security Advisor. Throughout her career, Ambassador Nuland has demonstrated a fervent commitment to strengthening the transatlantic partnership, a relationship based on shared devotion to democratic principles and values. As Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, I look forward to working with Assistant Secretary Nuland to strengthen America's ties with Europe, as we work together to advance our mutual interests around the world.

IN SUPPORT OF THE EASTERN
PARTNERSHIP

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. These six countries are members of the European Union's Eastern Partnership, an initiative that aims to promote democratic values, rule of law, and economic opportunity in Eastern Europe.

Participation in the Eastern Partnership is strictly voluntary, in line with the long-standing international principle that sovereign states have the right to make their own decisions and choose their own alliances.

Each of these six countries, to one degree or another, has made clear their interest in closer relations with the European Union and has chosen—again voluntarily—to participate in the Eastern Partnership.

Three of the Eastern Partnership countries—Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine—are poised to make historic strides in their relations with the European Union by initialing or signing Association Agreements at this November's Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania. These Association Agreements, which include deep and comprehensive free trade provisions, will accelerate the process of political reform in each country and create conditions for extraordinary economic growth.

These Association Agreements pose no threat to other countries. Indeed, I believe that the greater geographic neighborhood and peoples of the Eastern Partnership countries would benefit from these countries' integration into the European economy. For this reason, I cannot understand nor do I condone threats of trade embargoes, energy price hikes, gas supply cutoffs, and other forms of intimidation that might dissuade Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine from a path they have voluntarily chosen.

Mr. Speaker, I call on any government engaged in such coercive practices to respect each country's right under international law to define and conduct its own relations.

I call on the Administration to stand with the people of Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine at this important moment in Europe's history.