

funding to help the city and residents of Los Angeles.

His career and life have always been centered on the ideals of positive change for Los Angeles. As the first openly gay man elected to the Los Angeles City Council, he serves as an inspiration to others and has set an important precedent for other gay leaders to run for office.

I have personally known Bill for many years and I can say that he is an individual who exemplifies compassion, optimism and dedication to public service. His leadership and charisma have created a needed forum for public dialogue and community exchange for which Angelinos will be forever grateful.

Valley Democrats United is honoring Bill for his "conviction, courage, and integrity" as an advocate for the homeless, tenants, LGBT rights, and innovative transit solutions. He is also being recognized for his public service and for empowering people through the media. I am pleased to join with the Valley Democrats United in honoring, my friend, Bill Rosendahl.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 75th anniversary of Beulah First Baptist Church and its service to the Northwest Florida community.

Beulah First Baptist Church is the second oldest church in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Originally known as the First Community Church and then later as the Colored Community Baptist Church, Beulah First Baptist's founding began when its first members were inspired by the desire to learn and heed the Lord's Word. Beginning in 1938, its service to its congregation grew from Bible Study and adult veterans classes held in member homes to an expanded Bible Study and Sunday Church School under the leadership of Reverend O.R. Robinson in 1943. Both the Bible Study and the Sunday Church School are still active today.

Throughout its 75 years, Beulah First Baptist Church has been blessed with the leadership of nine pastors, including: Reverends W. Garrett (1938); H. McNeil (1938); O.R. Robinson (1943); E.W. Thomson (1945); Fitzchew (1952); A.D. Bell, Sr. (1953); David Savage (1969); Matthew Payne, Jr. (1970); and Scotie L. Thigpen (1981 to present).

A true testament to God's work through His people, the Church has experienced much growth over the years, particularly in 1988. This year not only marked the Church's Golden Anniversary, but also a year of many firsts: the Church formed the Women's Fellowship Luncheon, the Church Banquet, and the Intermediate Women's Prayer Breakfast. Additionally, the Church began contributing ten percent of its tithes and offering to local and foreign missions. In recent years, the Church established a singles ministry in 1993 and a Children's Church in 1994. In 1998, Beulah Christian Academy opened its doors as did the Mission Outreach Ministry and the McGriff Office Facility in 2005.

Since its founding, members of Beulah First Baptist Church have helped build God's Kingdom here on earth through their outreach to the citizens of Fort Walton Beach and the surrounding area, and I would like to thank them for their service to Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Beulah First Baptist Church. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing the Church all the best for continued success. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless this Church and its congregation.

#### TRIBUTE TO HARDEEVILLE-RIDGELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an innovative program taking place to incentivize students at a Jasper County, South Carolina middle school. Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School is in a rural, persistent poverty county where more than 20 percent of its population has lived below the poverty line for the last 30 years. Eighty-eight percent of the students who attend Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School qualify for free or reduced lunch. Yet the Jasper County School Superintendent Vashti Washington is working hard to encourage students in this school to focus on their academics raise their self esteem and dream of better of futures.

I am pleased the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation is underwriting the cost of Dr. Washington's program to provide school letters and pins to students at Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle who meet certain criteria established by the school. Students will be awarded letters and pins for certain levels of achievements in the classroom, on PASS tests, and several other extra-curricular activities, just as many schools do for athletics. These letters and pins are intended to set up healthy competition among students and to recognize and incentivize their achievements and performances.

I want to highlight four of the students who have demonstrated the drive and dedication needed to earn this recognition. All four of these students have received "exemplary" in at least four areas of PASS testing, which assesses the knowledge of students in the core academic areas of writing, English, math, science, and social studies.

Amber Crosby is an eighth grader who scored exemplary in all five areas of the PASS test. She is an award-winning artist who attended a Visual Arts Summer Academy, and she is also working on her first novel. She is on the principal's honor roll and attributes much of her success to the values instilled in her by her parents who taught her the importance of her diverse heritage, which includes Polish, Russian, Irish, British and Native American descendants. Amber aspires to be an artist or work in veterinary medicine.

Lorena Escobar is an eighth grader from Hardeeville who takes her academics very seriously. An honor roll student, she is currently enrolled in Algebra I Honors, English I Honors

and Spanish I. She enjoys drawing and music, and spending time with her parents and her younger sister. Lorena is passionate about eliminating bullying.

Kaleb Frazier is a seventh grade honors student. His favorite subjects are writing and math. He is also very athletic and plays linebacker for the school football team. In his spare time he writes rap music and spends time with his family. Kaleb hopes one day to be an attorney or a computer engineer.

Cynthia Simental-Parra is a seventh grade student from Hardeeville. She loves math and history and describes herself as "artsy." She enjoys singing, drawing and sewing, and is a member of band and chorus. She is also active in track and soccer. Cynthia would like to become a singer, but if that doesn't work out she would consider running for President of the United States.

These are just four of the outstanding students that will be recognized with a school letter from Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle. It is my sincere hope that they will continue to be wonderful examples to their classmates and that they encourage others to earn their letters as well.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my great appreciation to Superintendent Washington for implementing this visionary program at Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School. It is my hope that through such positive reinforcement these and other students will work hard and attain their dreams.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to have it noted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that I was not able to be in Washington on October 14, 2013 for votes because of events in the district.

If I had been here, I would have voted as follows:

On the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair, roll No. 547, I would have voted "no."

On the passage of H.J. Res. 80, roll No. 548, I would have voted "no."

On agreeing to the Grayson amendment, roll No. 549, I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING MIKKI BELVEDERE

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Coconut Creek Commissioner and Vice Mayor, Mikki Belvedere. Mikki's professional achievements and volunteer work have touched countless individuals and organizations throughout our community, and I want to recognize her for her amazing record of service in South Florida.

Mikki has been a visible fixture in South Florida business community for over three decades, having served as President of Belvedere Insurance and Financial Services since

1980. She is also a board member for the Saw Grass Association for Insurance and Financial Advisors. In addition to her successful career in finance, Mikki has been actively involved in local government and was elected to the Coconut Creek Commission as Vice Mayor, where she will serve until 2017. Her record of public and political service extends into her Wynmoor Village and Coconut Creek community, where she serves as President and Program Chair of the Wynmoor Democratic Club and is a member of the Wynmoor Hurricane Emergency Network. Mikki is also a member of the Women's Club of Coconut Creek. Adding to her track record, Mikki chairs several boards in the area, including the Environmental Board of Coconut Creek, the Affordable Housing Committee, and the Coconut Creek Planning and Zoning Board.

In addition to her private sector career and public service, Mikki has dedicated a generous portion of her time to South Florida's Jewish community. Mikki serves as Board Member and Trustee of the Liberal Jewish Temple, where she has helped 10 women become Bat-Mitzvah. She is the founder of the Hebrew Movie Club, and is currently the President of the Yiddish Club in Township. She currently holds membership with the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, Holocaust Survivors' Club, and the Sisterhood of the Beth Shalom Temple, among many others.

I join today with Mikki's family, including her three daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild, in honoring Mikki's incredible contributions to our community. I wish her many more years of success in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
HOWARD JACOBSON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Howard Jacobson, who passed away on October 9, 2013 at the age of 88. Howard was an incredible man who loved his family and dedicated his life to strengthening the relationship between the public and its media.

Born on August 22, 1925 in Worcester, Massachusetts, Howard learned the value of hard work through selling ice boxes in his father's appliance store. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree at the University of New Mexico, then his graduate degree at the Missouri School of Journalism. Following graduation, Howard worked as a stringer for the Associated Press during World War II and later began a 36-year career as a teaching professor at the University of Bridgeport.

Between his time as a professor and Chair of the Journalism Department at the University of Bridgeport and a professor at Columbia University, Howard encouraged students to expand beyond their traditional means of communication to reach new audiences. His students thrived in this interactive environment that culminated in the circulation of a community newspaper that focused on local issues. Howard reveled in the special relationship be-

tween communities and their news, and he passed this enthusiasm onto his students. Testimonies from former students emphasize that Howard always took the time to focus on each and every student, and that his guidance, largely influenced by study of the behavioral sciences, continues to have a powerful impact on their careers today.

Outside of the classroom, Howard participated on the New England Cable Advisory Council for 30 years. He also founded the first Center for the Development for Community Media, which built on the lessons he taught in the classroom. Through the Center, Howard experimented with different means of communicating with the public in the urban media environment and encouraged his students to do the same. Finally, he co-authored several books that focused on the intersection of mass communications theory and technology, and how that connection would shape the future of journalism. All of Howard's work reinforced his belief that the public access to news depended on fiercely protecting first amendment rights and making the most of all available means of dissemination.

Howard leaves behind his wife, Dr. Dana Raphael, and his children Brett, Seth, and Jessa. Full of love and memories, Howard and Dana recently celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Howard Jacobson, a beloved husband, father, professor, journalist, and friend.

CONGRATULATING DR. ELIAS A.  
ZERHOUNI

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni of Fort Lauderdale for his induction into the National Academy of Engineering, an honor he received for his outstanding work on new MRI methods and his national leadership in translational medical research.

Dr. Zerhouni is a prolific researcher and scientist, and his long career illustrates his passion for public service and saving lives.

His story exemplifies the American dream: he came to this country almost 40 years ago from a small village in Algeria, with only \$369 in his pocket. Having graduated from medical school in Algeria, he started as a radiology resident at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and rose to the position of Executive Vice Dean of the School of Medicine and the Chair of the Radiology and Radiological Sciences Department at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. After leaving Johns Hopkins, he served as the 15th Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a position he held from 2002–2008.

His research has led to major advances in CAT Scan and MRI technology. These developments include innovative imaging methods used to diagnose cancer, cardiovascular disease, and pulmonary disease. His accomplish-

ments also include authoring over 200 publications, holding eight patents, and co-founding five companies.

In honor of his induction into the National Academy of Engineering and all his important contributions to public health, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Zerhouni and to thank him for his service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 2013, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 527 and 528 for district business. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on both.

HONORING ED HAMM, JR. ON RECEIVING THE HOMETOWN HERO AWARD FROM THE MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Ed Hamm, Jr. of East Millinocket, Maine, on receiving the Hometown Hero award from the Modern Woodmen of America.

The Hometown Hero award is given to individuals and groups who selflessly commit themselves to their communities, asking for nothing in return. As a coach, business owner, and member of several recreational and fraternal organizations, Ed is truly a renaissance man when it comes to community engagement, and to those who know Ed, it is no mystery why he has been selected to receive this award.

Few people can claim involvement in as many different aspects of their community as Ed. He has served as a basketball coach at the Junior Varsity, Junior High School and Pee Wee levels, including traveling all-star teams. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Shriners International, the Masonic Society, and the East Millinocket Recreation Committee. Perhaps most famously, Ed owned and operated the Hamlet Motel, later known as the Hamlet Pub, from 1976 to 2011. The Hamlet served as a home base and meeting point for many in the community, especially the athletes of Schenck High School who frequently enjoyed meals there before major competitions. The Hamlet's slogan, "you are a stranger here but once," truly exemplifies Ed's attitude towards those in his community.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, at Medway Middle School, Ed Hamm, Jr. will be recognized for his extraordinary record in community service during a dinner and awards ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing East Millinocket's Hometown Hero, Ed Hamm, Jr., for his outstanding community service.