

work together to ensure they have adequate resources and opportunities for healthier and brighter futures.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Latinos represented 16 percent of the U.S. population but accounted for 20 percent of the new HIV infections and 19 percent of people living with HIV infection. As of 2011, Latinos make up 31.9 percent of New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. Knowing one's HIV infection status by getting tested is critical for seeking early medical treatment and intervention. This also helps prevent unknowingly transmitting the infection to other individuals.

Senator Kristen Gillibrand and I authored a bill, Communities United with Religious Leaders to Eliminate (CURE) HIV/AIDS Act, which will expand educational HIV/AIDS activities, develop policies for providing culturally relevant and sensitive treatment to individuals with HIV/AIDS, and incentivize payments to healthcare providers to implement HIV/AIDS testing. HIV/AIDS cannot conquer our communities. Let's keep fighting to eradicate this dreadful disease.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as they celebrate as their National Day this week.

I am proud to consider myself a friend of the Republic of China and value the relationship between our two nations, which over the last century, has resulted in strong relationship focused on our cultural and economic ties. I visited Taiwan as a state legislator and often welcome its representatives to District One.

With the recent expansion of the Visa Waiver Program to include the Republic of China, the United States in general and Las Vegas particularly are excited about hosting even more visitors from Taiwan.

Moreover, I would also like to see Taiwan join the International Civil Aviation Organization soon. Taiwan's participation in this important organization will promote global aviation safety and security while strengthening ICAO as an institution.

The United States and Taiwan continue to share a close friendship and important economic relationship, and I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TROY/ CLAWSON REPUBLICAN FORUM

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Troy/Clawson Republican Forum of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional

right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictators; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens' rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DELFINA TYQUIENGCO AGUIGUI

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Delfina Tyquiengco Aguigui, a devoted educator and public servant on Guam. She was born in the village of Merizo on December 1, 1921 to Ignacio Babauta Aguigui and Buevenida Tyquiengco Aguigui. She passed away on September 21, 2013 at the age of 91.

Delfina dedicated herself to educating Guam's youth. Upon graduating from Syracuse University in New York, she returned to Guam as a teacher within the Guam public school system. She went on to become the principal of George Washington High School in Mangilao, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education, and then the Deputy Director of the Guam Department of Education. In these capacities, she worked to improve the quality of education for Guam's public school students. She was also a member of the University of Guam faculty where she was responsible for student housing.

Delfina also worked to improve the federal-territorial relationship between the United States and Guam. In 1975, she was appointed to the 13th Guam Legislature's Political Status Commission, which worked to educate the people of Guam on the need to review Guam's political relationship with the U.S. This Commission organized the first formal plebiscite, which was held in September of 1976, where the people of Guam expressed their desire to improve Guam's political relationship with the U.S. In 1976 Delfina was also appointed the Executive Director of the Guam American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and organized local festivities to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Delfina will be missed by all who knew her. I extend my sincere condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones. I join the people of Guam in honoring her for her many contributions to our island and people.

HONORING WALTER CRENSHAW, JR., LONGEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American Hero.

This weekend, Walter Crenshaw, Jr. will celebrate his 104th birthday. As the longest living member of the Tuskegee Airmen, he has led a remarkable life.

In October 1942, Walter Crenshaw was inducted into the United States Army Air Corps, ultimately attaining the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Crenshaw was stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee, Alabama from 1942 through 1944. He served as the Administrative Assistant to the Provost Marshall during the initial training for the 99th Pursuit Squadron's training period as well as the 332nd Fighter's Squadron. An additional 500 cadets would follow during his service. Sergeant Crenshaw was responsible for the induction and background work on each cadet. As a result, he came to know each man personally.

The Tuskegee Airmen broke through racial, military and political barriers to become the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. Sergeant Crenshaw was among the men to successfully join this courageous group of men. He has been since honored for his service, receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Harriet Tubman Living Legends Award, and his profile is a permanent part of the exhibit, "Tuskegee Airmen, Men in Flight" at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.

After leaving the service, he and his wife lived in Detroit while he served for 22 years as the Head of Shipping Clerk for Railway Express.

They retired to Santa Monica in 1977, where Mr. Crenshaw kept active with photography and taking classes at Santa Monica College. At least four days a week, he would bike to the Santa Monica Pier to fish. Now, he currently resides in the Veterans Home of California in West Los Angeles on the VA Medical Center Campus. His many interests include

Jazz, particularly Duke Ellington, watching baseball games, and attending the First A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles. The Crenshaw family now spans four generations.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Crenshaw, an American treasure, and wishing him a healthy and joyous 104th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MALALA
YOSAFZAI

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Malala Yosafzai, who today was awarded the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought.

I join our European counterparts in honoring Malala's tremendous bravery in the face of repeated and unconscionable threats, including an assassination attempt last year, when she was shot by Taliban gunmen while returning home from school.

Malala's courageous advocacy for the rights of girls to have the same education as boys inspires us all.

Throughout our history, Americans have understood the importance of education. Put simply, we are a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous nation because we have made quality primary and secondary education available to all our children.

The same is not true in other parts of the world, especially in societies torn apart by conflict, violent extremism, and poverty. There are tens of millions of girls out of school around the world, and women make up nearly two thirds—almost 500 million—of the world's illiterate adults. In her address to the United Nations, Malala reminded the world of the power of education to combat ignorance, intolerance, and violent extremism by promoting human dignity and creating undreamed-of opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I join Malala in her call on the world's leaders to ensure that all children—girls and boys alike—have access to a quality education. By working with our international partners to achieve this goal, we can help families around the world lift themselves out of dire poverty and, in so doing, make the world a safer and more prosperous place.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 SAFEST
HOSPITAL IN ILLINOIS

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize OSF St. James—John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, Illinois for being named the Safest Hospital in Illinois by Consumer Reports magazine.

Like many Americans, I am concerned about the increasing cost of healthcare in the United States. With healthcare spending by patients on the rise, it is critical to find ways to ensure healthcare remains accessible and affordable. OSF St. James is a leader in this

regard. By striving to provide safe treatment to patients on a daily basis, they reduce the frequency of readmitted patients which in turn reduces the added cost of additional procedures and care. The City of Pontiac and the surrounding area can take pride in their local hospital for the quality of care it provides to family, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our appreciation of the staff at OSF St. James—John W. Albrecht Medical Center for their diligent work and commitment to providing safe healthcare to their patients.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL PHILIP
A. BOSSERT, USAF (RET.)

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Philip Bossert of the United States Air Force. Colonel Bossert bravely, and peacefully, embarked on his final journey after a valiant battle against glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

A decorated veteran of 4 wars, Colonel Bossert honorably served his country for more than three decades.

Phil graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1982, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF. During the ensuing years he received a Masters of Arts in Economics, magna cum laude, from Old Dominion University; a Masters of Military Art and Science from U.S. Army CGSC; a Master of Public Administration, summa cum laude, Auburn University; and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

From 1983 through 1987 he served as a CT-39B aircraft commander and C-21A instructor pilot out of Langley AFB in Virginia. From 1987 through 1991, he was a C-141B instructor pilot and wing combat plans officer at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. In 1991, Phil had assignments in Colorado, Kansas, and Illinois, and by 2000 he was a Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the 821st Air Mobility Squadron out of McGuire AFB.

Shortly after 9/11, Phil was deployed to Bagram Air Base outside of Kabul, Afghanistan. At one point, he was the highest ranking officer at the air base between December 2001 and February 2002. After Afghanistan, Phil became the Chief of Training and Exercises for the NATO Interim Deployable Air Operations Center at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. He was bumped to full bird Colonel in 2004, at which time he became Commander of the USAFE Air Mobility Operations Control Center, also at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. This put him in charge of the entire C-141 fleet for Europe and the Middle East.

Among his many awards and decorations are the following: the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Medal, Air Force Organizational Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia & Kuwait).

Phil summed up his time in uniform by saying that "I will be at peace with myself knowing that I did my job during the longest war in American history." Then, after 28 years of dedicated service to our great nation, Phil decided to retire in 2010 and enter the private sector.

Instead of pursuing a career in academia, Phil again was serving our country as a private citizen, offering up leadership training to the Afghan military. He was assigned to the NATO training mission at Camp Eggers, in the Green Zone in Kabul, and taught 30 senior Afghan officers how to develop a three-year, \$15 billion defense budget.

Phil had a focus and a drive in him that was unparalleled. He was relentless. He was detail oriented. His rich understanding of global affairs was perfectly complimented by an unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

Aside from the aforementioned masters' degrees, he had also served on the faculties of the Air Force Academy and the University of Houston, and was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Phil published 97 articles, book reviews, and editorials on various topics. He also published two books, and was currently in the process of working on his third about his three deployments to Afghanistan.

Phil had a no-nonsense outlook on life. In his words, "[stuff] happens and it's out of our control. You just have to live your life to the fullest and have no regrets."

Colonel Bossert epitomized the American ethos of hard work, dedication, and strength of body, mind, and spirit. He devoted his life to the service of others, and I would have been honored to have had the privilege of knowing him better.

Colonel Philip A. Bossert, USAF (Ret.) was 54. He was a hero.

RECOGNIZING THE CLINIC OF
PHOENIXVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Clinic of Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania on reaching the incredible milestone of having provided medical care amounting to over 100,000 visits.

Founded in 2001, The Clinic began as the dream of Dr. Lorna B. Stuart and the Reverend Marie Z. Swayze to create a medical center that would provide comprehensive health care to the uninsured. Operating with a donation of \$200,000 from an anonymous donor, The Clinic collaborated with St. Peter's Episcopal Church to establish a home for The Clinic in the former Rectory of the Church. Additional money was raised to furnish and complete the medical facility and St. Peter's generously allowed the Rectory to be leased for one dollar a year for The Clinic's first ten years of operation. The daily work and caring dedication of the 11 professional staff members and over 115 volunteers have allowed The Clinic to serve the medical needs of so many individuals throughout its history.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of having provided medical care amounting to over 100,000 visits, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing The Clinic of Phoenixville, Chester