

leadership, the University saw simultaneous annual enrollment increases and higher SAT scores of entering classes.

In addition, Dr. Freeman oversaw \$20 million in capital improvements to the Albany State campus, including a state-of-the-art student center, a learning center, and six residence halls. The positive impact of the construction reverberated throughout the student community, as well as in the surrounding city. The relationship between ASU and the Greater Albany area has been significantly strengthened, as the University's economic impact on the city reached \$156 million during Dr. Freeman's time as president. Dr. Freeman also worked to establish partnerships with several local businesses, further improving the town and gown relationship between Albany and ASU.

On a personal note, I am proud to call Dr. Freeman a friend and I am so grateful for all he has done for Albany State University and the Albany community. His heartfelt dedication to this school will be felt and remembered for years to come.

Nelson Henderson once said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Dr. Freeman has not only planted trees of knowledge whose fruit ASU students and alumni can yield, but he has also planted the seeds of success for future generations of Albany State University Golden Rams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Everett J. Freeman for his eight outstanding years as President of Albany State University. His energizing leadership and his commitment to academic excellence has helped to make lasting improvements to Albany State University so to better provide current and future students with the tools they need to lead successful and productive lives.

WILEY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EX- HIBITION DEBATE

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, today, we recognize and celebrate the Wiley College and University of Southern California debate teams on their Exhibition Debate. On October 25, 2013 the Wiley College and USC debate teams will reenact their historic debate of 1935.

The 1935 debate was depicted in the 2007 movie, "The Great Debaters," which Denzel Washington starred in and directed. "The Great Debaters" tells the story of Wiley's defeat of USC, the then reigning national forensics champion, under the direction of Professor Melvin B. Tolson. Following the release of the movie, Denzel Washington donated \$1 million to Wiley College to revive the debate team.

October 25th will not be the first meeting of the teams in recent years. In 2012, USC traveled to Wiley College in Texas' 1st Congressional District for an exhibition match with the great debaters at the Julius S. Scott Sr. Chapel. At the conclusion of the evening, both teams were declared victors and they com-

mitted to another match at USC. The Wiley College team also known as the Melvin B. Tolson/Denzel Washington Forensics Society, will be represented by Sophomore Lyle Keinman and Junior Nathan Leal along with team director, Christopher Medina.

Now ranked fourth in the nation, Wiley's debate team completed its 2012–2013 season of competition having amassed 82 national awards, 368 season-long awards, 16 championship trophies, and the first team title by a historically black college. The debate team is affiliated with Pi Kappa Delta, the National Forensics Association, and the American Forensics Association.

We commend both Wiley College and USC in their efforts on enhancing students' critical thinking skills through the medium of debate. We wish the best for both teams and look forward to have such a historical event re-enacted in the California 37th Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BRAD WILLIAMS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brad Williams who will be installed as the 2014 Chairman of the Board for the National Apartment Association on November 8, 2013.

As a native of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Williams is a graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in History, holds a Certificate of Real Estate from Southern Methodist University, and has received the Certified Property Manager designation from the Institute of Real Estate Management. He has over 40 years of experience in property management with Lincoln Property Company and is responsible for management of over 50,000 rental units throughout Texas and the Midwest.

Mr. Williams is the past President of the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas and the Texas Apartment Association. In addition, he has served as the Chairman of the National Apartment Association's Political Action Committee for the last three years and currently serves on the Executive Committee for the National Apartment Association. As Chairman of the Board, Mr. Williams will lead the National Apartment Association towards continued success as America's leading advocate for quality rental housing, serving the interests of rental housing owners, managers, developers and suppliers, and promoting a high level of professionalism in the rental housing industry to better serve the housing needs of the public.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Brad Williams as he guides the National Apartment Association this upcoming year as Chairman of the Board.

VETERAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE JOSEPH K. VRABEL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joseph Vrabel. Joe served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon his return, he served his fellow veterans by joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1956, and soon thereafter, becoming Post Commander. His service continued as a Life Member of the American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15, where he served five years as Post Commander, going on to serve as Mahoning County Commander of the Dynamic Ninth District; and then proceeding on to serve as the American Legion Department of Ohio Commander. Joe was an enthusiastic supporter of the American Legion's Buckeye Boys State, promoting the program whenever he could and securing local sponsorships which would allow the youth of this area to gain first-hand experience in state government. Joe was a significant supporter of the Gifts for the Yanks program which provided gifts for hospitalized veterans during the Christmas season. Joe was instrumental in obtaining a van to transport veterans from Youngstown to the Cleveland American Legion, where he served as Post 15 Sons of the American Legion Advisor for 15 years. In addition, he spent countless hours as a member of Mahoning Valley Post 15's Honor Guard and Color Guard, providing final military honors to his fellow veterans. Joe was locally known as the "Veteran's Veteran", for his dedicated work with veterans. As the owner of Hillcrest Tavern, Joe was able to support local youth sports teams, mainly golf, bowling, and softball in his hometown of Poland, Ohio. For his significant contributions to the veterans and youth of the Mahoning Valley, Joe is very worthy to be inducted, posthumously, into the 2013 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

HONORING SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL IN RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA ON CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PRO- VIDING SECONDARY EDUCATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, Florida on the occasion of its 25th anniversary as an institution of secondary education in Palm Beach County.

This remarkable school is perennially ranked as a top high school in America, as it offers a wealth of coursework in Math, Science and Engineering, Computer Science, International Baccalaureate studies, as well as Interactive Technology magnet programs. Children from across Palm Beach County seek admission to Suncoast for its acknowledged excellence in comprehensively educating students. The school has also become renowned in the community for the diligent attention that the faculty and staff offer to their students.

These students leave prepared for whatever career aspirations they may have. And for those that do choose to pursue an undergraduate degree, Suncoast students do not simply matriculate. They are challenged to succeed in college, and many have gone on to have successful careers in an array of fields. Currently led by Principal Dr. Linda Cartledge and a very talented faculty and staff, Suncoast has earned the respect of professional educators from across the country.

I am always delighted and impressed when I hear about the latest awards and honors accrued by Suncoast High School. Twenty-five years of high-standard education is something we should all admire. Suncoast is representative of the best America has to offer its young people, and its reputation is one to which all schools aspire.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Suncoast High School for their invaluable commitment to preparing the young minds of Palm Beach County, and their leadership as a positive example for success in secondary education. I congratulate them again and wish them many more years as one of America's top high schools.

HONORING HANNAH KRANZBERG

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hannah Kranzberg, who today is receiving the Guardian of Democracy award from the New Israel Fund for her long-time service to the global community promoting peace, justice, and social and economic equality.

Before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area from her native New York in the 1970's, Hannah taught in an all-day neighborhood school program in Brooklyn as part of a broader effort to provide enrichment programs to children who lived in disadvantaged communities.

Then, as an activist in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hannah continued her interest in making and supporting social documentaries that brought important issues to the attention of the public. As an artist, she was also one of three principal individuals who painted the People's Park mural in Berkeley in 1976, which is now a local landmark with major historic and cultural significance.

In the last 40 years, Hannah's significant philanthropic work has left a lasting impact on our society. She has supported organizations that advocate everything from human rights and civil rights, economic and social justice, and conflict transformation in a local, national and global context. I am proud to call her my confidant, my supporter, but most importantly, my friend.

As part of her long term efforts to advance women's equality locally and throughout the world, Hannah was a supporter of the San Francisco Women's Building, the first woman-owned and operated community center in the country, which advocates self-determination, gender equality and social justice. She has also supported the Global Fund for Women, a non-profit that provides grants to women-led organizations worldwide to enable women and

girls to reach their potential, and to live free of discrimination and violence. In addition, she has been a founding contributor to the Urgent Action Fund for women's human rights, which provides rapid response grants to women human rights defenders throughout the world.

The spectrum of Hannah's philanthropic work is wide-reaching. She contributed to the founding of La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley, California. She is also an ongoing advocate of the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center in Oakland, California, which offers nonviolence classes and civic engagement for youth from diverse racial and cultural communities. She has been a supporter of the Funding Exchange, the Berkeley Community Fund, the Women's Initiative for Self-Employment, the Rosenberg Fund for Children, the American Jewish World Service, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay, Equal Rights Advocates, the ACLU, The Center for Constitutional Rights, MALDEF, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the United Negro College Fund, the Freedom Archives, California Rural Legal Assistance, and the Southern Poverty Law Center, to name just a few.

Beyond that, Hannah is a coalition builder. She serves on the Regional Board of the New Israel Fund, and as a longtime supporter of the Peace Development Fund, she has sought to bring together communities as well as oppressed and marginalized groups of people to enhance opportunities for movement building.

Hannah continues to be a supporter of innovative community-based cultural institutions, including groundbreaking social documentaries, among them, the Oscar nominated "Forever Activists: Stories from the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade," a documentary about seven American veterans of the Spanish Civil War, "The Barber of Birmingham," a documentary about James Armstrong, one of the unsung heroes of the U.S. civil rights movement, and "Discovering Dominga: A Survivor's Story," about the 1982 Guatemalan massacre of 200 villagers who opposed the construction of a dam sponsored by the World Bank.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute you, Hannah Kranzberg. Your 40 years of committed activism for peace, justice, and equality, has made an indelible mark in our community, and you are truly worthy of being called a Guardian of Democracy.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEONARD R. SENDELSKY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leonard R. Sendelsky as he is honored by the New Jersey Builders Association with its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Leonard Sendelsky has been a member of the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) Board of Directors since 1960. He has served as secretary, treasurer, second vice president, first vice president, and president. He has also served on various committees, including the Legislative Committee and Codes Committee and helped get the NJ State Uniform Construction Code Act signed by Governor

Brendan Byrne in 1975. In 1967 and 1989 he was chosen as NJBA Builder of the Year. He has also been honored with the Silver Hammer Award, Legend of Housing Award and the Golden Hammer Award.

In addition to his service on the NJBA, Mr. Sendelsky is also an active member of the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1957, has held various leadership positions and has served as chairman on several committees. He received the Builder of the Year Award in both 1966 and 1989. Likewise, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Home Builders from 1963 until 2011 and currently serves as the National Area Chairman Representative.

The son of a carpenter and homebuilder, Mr. Sendelsky founded Lenguy Construction Company in 1958 and today owns and operates many additional corporations. He was inducted into the New Jersey Builders Hall of Fame in 1974 and the National Housing Center Hall of Fame in 2004. Mr. Sendelsky is a member of the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board, a member of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Committee on Uniform Sub-division Site Improvement Standards, Chairman of the Middlesex County Uniform Construction Board of Appeals and is also an active member of his community. He is a long-time resident of Colonia along with his wife of nearly 60 years, Judith Kuhn Sendelsky. They have two sons, Leonard Drew and Guy Sean.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in honoring Leonard Sendelsky for his outstanding contributions to the building industry. He is truly deserving of the New Jersey Builders Association Lifetime Achievement Award and this body's recognition.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE AND THE 2013 SHOWCASE MAINE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Finance Authority of Maine as it celebrates 30 years of helping Maine citizens pursue business and higher education opportunities, as well as the recipients of its 2013 Showcase Maine Awards.

The Finance Authority of Maine, also known as FAME, was founded in 1983 as the state's business finance agency. By increasing access to capital, its innovative programs enable the start up and growth of the state's business community. Since 1990, FAME has also been responsible for administering Maine's higher education finance programs, helping Maine students and families meet the costs of higher education through a variety of loan, grant and scholarship programs. It also administers an outreach and counseling program that helps inspire and empower young people to pursue higher education.

Each year, the Finance Authority of Maine honors community members that have been exceptional partners in their efforts to aid the