

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 historical 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

Maine business community and Maine students at the Showcase Maine Awards. This year's award recipients include: the Hodgdon Group, recipient of the Business at Work for Maine Award; Jim Wellehan, recipient of the Education at Work for Maine Award; the Honorable Mary Nelson, recipient of the Dirigo Legislative Champion Award; and Camden National Bank, recipient of the Financial Institution of the Year Award.

These award-winners exemplify the hard-working and innovative spirit of Maine. Their dedication and leadership make Maine a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Finance Authority of Maine and the 2013 Showcase Maine Award recipients on their outstanding service and achievement.

IN HONOR OF LCPL SEAN ADAMS

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2013*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Georgia's most heroic sons, Combat Engineer LCpl Sean Adams of 1 CEB, 1/8 United States Marine Corps. LCpl Adams is from my District in Gainesville. In Helmond, Afghanistan, LCpl Adams or Big Country as he is called by his platoon, stepped on a 25-pound IED. It nearly killed him. He lay there in the field for sixty minutes before the air evac arrived. He lost both of his legs and sustained numerous other life threatening injuries. He has come back from the dead after 17 months at Walter Reed Hospital. His courage and his family's support have helped pull him from the abyss. He has a passion for football, baseball and his Georgia Bull Dogs. He possesses a need for speed; he loves stock cars and racing. He plans to start a business related to cars when he gets back home. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

A PEDAL TO THE METAL MARINE

(By Albert Caswell)

A . . .  
A Pedal!  
A Pedal To The Metal Marine!  
Built for honor!  
Built for speed!  
Being a grunt,  
is but his most heroic of all creeds!  
As a Sapper all out on the hunt!  
Oh what a combination,  
a Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,  
to so confront the enemy all at speed!  
Clearing the way both night and day!  
When every moment counts,  
that full amount . . .  
all for his Band of Brothers in need!  
So serving his home of the brave,  
and land of the free,  
as one fine Georgian United States Marine!  
All in search of the enemy!  
From 0 to 60 Sean,  
was built for speed!  
As one who so locks and loads!  
As one who so lives by a code!  
A code of Strength In Honor,  
all in those most magnificent shades of green!  
For he's bad to the bone!  
As he puts it to the floor!  
While, all at speeds himself he'd so ignore!  
Big Country was Georgia born,  
and Georgia bred!

Whose colors would not so run even as his blood ran red!  
As he loves his stock cars,  
and his Bull Dogs!  
And loves his country music,  
as ever so courageously forth he so charged!  
And maybe Toby Keith,  
might write a song about him, that bard!  
Who so heroically answered his Nation's call!  
That Call to War!  
But for The Greater Good,  
as himself he so ignored!  
To so wear those most heroic shades of green!  
To become,  
one of Nation's greatest of all things!  
A United States Georgia Bull Dog Devil Dog Marine!  
Oh rahhh!  
A Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,  
there's nothing more Dognatious so as seen!  
All for God and Country Big Country,  
you have so fought and bled!  
And you have given up so much lying,  
lying there so very close to death!  
All in what your Strength In Honor has so said!  
Let's look under the hood!  
And see that engine that we call his heart,  
which so gives Sean all of that power he so needs to start!  
Start all over again!  
From 0 to 60 like no one could!  
Yea you're not getting close!  
As he puts that pedal to the metal,  
oh what a turbo boost!  
So sapping all those in his path to recovery!  
Making pain and heartache disappear at all speeds!  
To get him to the finish line and victory!  
With a force of nature,  
that which so made the enemy grieve!  
For he's a bad boy,  
who on a battlefield of honor so lived his creed!  
Turbo charged putting it into high gear,  
as into those turns as he'd gain speed!  
Marching forth so all without fear,  
but to so pursue the enemy!  
And he so loves his Atlanta Braves,  
and would love to throw out the first ball one day!  
Or hang out with Falcons,  
because both of them are but birds of prey!  
And for those Georgia Bull Dogs,  
as its for them he now so bleeds!  
Making this Dog's heart bark, continually!  
Rouuuuuughhhh Roughhhhh,  
watch out in The SEC there's hell to pay!  
As it was out on his tour!  
As an IED went off and death was almost so assured!  
With his two strong legs so lost,  
and so many injuries more!  
For 60 minutes he lay there without help before!  
Before helo picked him up!  
As Big Country had a choice,  
to so listen to that inner voice!  
And put it into gear,  
and put it to the floor!  
And make it to the finish line for a pit stop,  
so he could but live one day more!  
Or leave this world for sure!  
As one day somehow,  
Sean would walk out of that hospital door!  
Just like Chip Foose,  
he had some OVERHAULING TO DO FOR SURE!  
As they took this Hero into the shop,  
to a place called Walter Reed which above them all stands high atop,  
where the Nurses and Doctors are the cream of the crop!  
Where these Heroines and Heroes,  
so know how to death to stop!  
And how to rebuild and remodel and restore,

and OVERHAUL America's finest of all Heroes so for sure!  
And when he came out,  
Big Country's work had just begun!  
Because,  
his engine was running a little rough my son!  
And with each new day such pain begun!  
But Bull Dog's and Devil Dog's don't know how to run!  
And no matter how matter laps he had to take,  
he was but in a DOGNATIOUS STATE!  
And you could still hear his engine roar!  
As he put that pedal to the metal,  
in first place to come so for sure!  
Crossing that finish line,  
because of all what he had endured!  
To rebuild and to restore!  
Holding that winners cup high above his head!  
All in what his faith and courage,  
in The Game of Life his had so said!  
As straight to victory lap his heart so sped!  
And all of you stock car boys and gals,  
you most famous drivers all of this world so now!  
You gotta give this good old boy some major cred!  
Because from 0 to 60,  
from the beginning,  
all of the way to the very end his heart has led!  
And I don't think you want to go up against this Big Country,  
this Georgia Bull Dog on the race track of life head to head!  
Cause it's going to get pretty bumpy,  
if you catch his draft!  
Because, until you've been through,  
what he's been through . . .  
nothing stops you in your path!  
Because, in The Game of Life . . .  
all at such high speeds Sean gave all that he would so need!  
Was asked!  
And when all out in front of him in that fast lane,  
pity and sorrow was strewn all across his path!  
He took it up high,  
and put it into gear . . .  
and blew past all of that sorrow and loss he so sped!  
Leaving them all in his dust,  
as he put that pedal to the medal . . .  
and with a tears in his eyes he put it into turbo thrust!  
As to all of that heartache and sorrow,  
said goodbye!  
Because, he's got a life to lead!  
And because its all in his DNA,  
all in Big Country's need for speed!  
As now he's in his victory lap called recovery!  
While, down in Georgia they all scream and shout . . .  
Big Country's coming home so soon no doubt!  
And On The Road of Life,  
look for him way up out ahead!  
For there's so much we can all so learn from him,  
all in what his short life has said!  
In life we all must make those final choices!  
When up ahead there lies such forces . . .  
Do we so listen to our most inner voices?  
Will we down shift and lose our path?  
Or we take it up high,  
and leave heartache and sorrow so far behind as her we so pass?  
And put that pedal to the medal,  
making those Angels up in heaven so smile and laugh!  
Sean the results are in,  
the checked flag is now waving you home . . .  
waving you in!  
As the next part of your new great life,  
is all so ready to so begin!