

schools and assisted with the development of the Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts at Morton High School, as well as the Multimedia Broadcast Academy at the Hammond Area Career Center, and the Early College Program. In 2010, Theresa authored the Chinese Guest Teachers Grant, which assists with the salaries and recruitment of teachers for Mandarin Chinese programs in schools in the United States. This program has been a success and provides four teachers each year the opportunity to teach middle and high school students the Chinese language and culture.

Additionally, Theresa has selflessly given her time to various organizations and civic activities, including the Hammond Woodmar Kiwanis, the Hammond Education Foundation, and the Hammond YMCA.

Theresa's excellence in her field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family. Theresa and her husband, Daniel, have two adoring children and two beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Theresa Ann Mayerik, for their outstanding contributions to the community and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

RECOGNIZING AUBURN HONOR GUARD

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Auburn Area Honor Guard, who bring military honors to the memorial services of deceased service men and women in northern California. These patriotic volunteers present themselves, rain or shine, at funeral services and provide the traditional military farewell ceremony. This includes presentation of the American flag to next of kin, firing of three volleys, and playing "Taps" to honor those who have served our country.

The Auburn Area Honor Guard has presented the colors at more than five-hundred veterans' funerals. As word spreads about the Honor Guard, its services are in demand in an ever-larger geographic area. Demonstrating their never-ending commitment, the Guard has increased its scope to meet the demand. Thankfully, grateful citizens have stepped up and contributed funds to help the Honor Guard meet travel and other expenses.

Due to the ceaseless efforts of the dedicated and patriotic men and women of the Auburn Area Honor Guard, the friends and families of hundreds of veterans have seen their loved ones off with a proper military funeral. With the support of a grateful nation, the Auburn Area Honor Guard leads the way in providing a ceremony that honors and memorializes the service that military men and women have rendered to their nation.

25 YEARS A PRIEST: FR. PAVONE'S LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMATIONAL IN DEFENDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, some of the many friends of Fr. Frank Pavone are tonight in Staten Island, New York, celebrating a significant milestone in the life of this extraordinarily brave and compassionate priest—his 25th year since ordination and 20 years at the helm of Priests for Life.

Fr. Pavone was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal O'Connor. By 1993 he became National Director of Priests for Life. His faith, determination and leadership ever since has been transformational in the cause of defending vulnerable people from violence, hatred and indifference.

Fr. Pavone's passionate defense of the child in the womb is rivaled only by his compassion and outreach to post-abortive women—the other victims. His homilies are not only incisive and well composed but extremely sensitive to the pain and agony unleashed by abortion. He is the author of two books: *Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It* and *Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day*.

Fr. Pavone has persistently called on us all to recognize, ask and receive the unfathomable love, reconciliation and divine mercy readily available from God. Priests for Life ministries—Rachel's Vineyard and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign—provide a roadmap for recovery and healing for many. Even Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's infamous 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* abortion decision, called Fr. Frank "the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church."

Underscoring the importance and relevance of Fr. Pavone's Priests for Life, last October twelve bishops and three cardinals, including Cardinals Schonborn, Martino and Keeler wrote: "His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has stated that the Church is called 'to advance the common good and to show respect for the persons who are most defenseless, starting with the unborn.'" The letter continued: "Throughout the world, one of the ways the Church is responding to that mission is through the work of Priests for Life, which encompasses an entire family of ministries involving both clergy and laity. This ministry, which includes education, parish activation, training in pro-life spirituality, promotion of faithful citizenship and healing of women and men after abortion deserves the support of the entire Church . . . Established in 1991, Priests for Life has enjoyed strong support at every level of the Church . . ."

Fr. Pavone radiates the love of Christ to the weak and disenfranchised yet shows no malice whatsoever to those who oppress and snuff out the lives of the littlest humans. Those in the abortion industry must be encouraged to rethink and reject the horror they do. They too are in need of God's amazing love, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Join me today, Mr. Speaker, in giving thanks for the extraordinary commitment, faith and works of this tenacious priest.

HONORING THE FFA'S 2013 AMERICAN STAR FARMER AWARD WINNER

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tyler Loschen from Cullom, Illinois for being named the 2013 American Star Farmer at the Eighty-Sixth National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Tyler embodies the spirit of the American Farmer. After joining FFA as a freshman at Tri-Point High School, he bought 40 acres of farmland, a combine, tractor, planter, and other harvesting equipment. His story highlights the importance of the FFA program. This enterprising individual applied what he learned in the classroom to the field, started a business, and made financial decisions with his first-hand knowledge. I applaud his determination and I hope his experience will be an inspiration for others.

The American Star Farmer award is one of the highest honors that a FFA member can receive from the national organization. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Tyler Loschen for all of his hard work and I wish him continued success.

HONORING KEVIN COHN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. NAVY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kevin Cohn on his retirement from the United States Navy. Kevin is one of the quiet, unsung heroes who makes life better for everyone he meets. I first met Kevin in the Office of the Attending Physician in the U.S. Capitol. Kevin helped me recover from a significant injury, but he became more than a health care provider, he became my friend.

Kevin has dedicated himself to improving the health and quality of life of countless patients, and brings passion and excellence to his work. Kevin and his colleagues often work long hours in stressful conditions and have to be prepared to deal with all types of medical emergencies on a moment's notice. Whether it's responding to the needs of a heat-stricken tourist, standing by on full-alert during the State of the Union address, or dealing with accidents and injuries that are commonplace when thousands of people crowd the Capitol grounds, Kevin always exudes confidence and grace under pressure.

Kevin also knows the value of public service. During his career in the Navy, he has cared for men and women in uniform of every rank and has taken care of members of Congress. He has seen the world and walked the halls of Congress. He has missed important events in the life of his family to serve his country. But Kevin doesn't just serve by treating. He serves by caring for the people he works with and making an effort to understand

what's going on in their lives, to make sure they heal.

Kevin is a stabilizing presence in an often-chaotic Capitol. Kevin, I don't just thank you for what you did for me, but I thank you on behalf of all Americans for your service to the Navy and our country. Good luck, and "Anchors Aweigh" as you embark on your next adventures.

IN HONOR OF TONY TOLLNER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tony Tollner on the thirtieth anniversary celebration of his restaurant Rio Grill, located in Carmel, California.

Rio Grill is one of Monterey Peninsula's most popular restaurants. It's known not only for its great eats but also for its sense of giving back to the community. When Rio Grill first opened in 1983, the restaurant was part of the Real Restaurants organization, an affiliation of world class restaurants like Fog City Diner in San Francisco, as well as Mustard's Grill and Tra Vigne, both in Napa Valley. Rio Grill staked its claim as one of the region's most popular restaurants catering to loyal local clientele, while also satisfying tourists visiting the Monterey Peninsula. As Rio Grill's reputation grew, the partners of the Real Estate Group decided to part ways and the restaurant continued to thrive under the ownership of Mr. Tony Tollner and Mr. Bill Cox.

Rio Grill continues to evolve and thrive under the guidance of managing partner Mr. Tony Tollner. Expansion to the main dining room occurred on two occasions and is used for special events and meeting space. The Santa Fe room features an open beam ceiling and a built-in "cantina style" bar. This year Rio Grill expanded again and unveiled its newest private dining room, the Barrel Room, which features wood and a specially designed wine case.

General Manager Joe Valencia and Executive Chef Cy Yontz continue the tradition of excellence at Rio Grill. The restaurant has won numerous awards for their outstanding attention to detail and creative South-Western menu. Rio Grill was also recognized in 2012 by Union Bank in the hospitality category in their "Salute to Small Business", and by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce with a Business Excellence Award again in the hospitality category.

Above and beyond its outstanding menu, Rio Grill has been recognized many times for its philanthropy. Rio Grill has always been generous with their gift giving to local non-profits, including Monterey County Food Bank, Dorothy's Place, Animal Friends Rescue Project and many others. The signature fundraiser for the restaurant is Rio Grill's Resolution Run, held annually on New Year's Day, which has raised over \$500,000 over its twenty-four-year history. Proceeds from the Rio Grill's Resolution Run have gone to organizations such as Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, Big Brother Big Sisters of Monterey County, and Partnership for Youth and Natividad Medical Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Tony Tollner and the rest of the Rio Grill staff for building

a high standard of excellence in food and community service. I know that I speak for the whole House in saluting all of them on this joyous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of October 21, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013:

Rollcall No. 551: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 185, "yea."

Rollcall No. 552: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3205, "yea."

Rollcall No. 553: On passage of the Journal, "aye."

Wednesday, October 23, 2013:

Rollcall No. 554: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of H.R. 3080, "nay."

Rollcall No. 555: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 3080, "nay."

Rollcall No. 556: DeFazio of Oregon Amendment No. 2, "aye."

Rollcall No. 557: Flores of Texas Amendment No. 3, "no."

Rollcall No. 558: Hastings of Florida Amendment No. 6, "aye."

Rollcall No. 559: Richmond of Louisiana Amendment No. 16, "aye."

Rollcall No. 560: On Passage of H.R. 3080, "yea."

SHERIFF MIKE BROWN, SAFE SURFIN' FOUNDATION, AND MOOSE INTERNATIONAL

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to share news of the efforts that the Safe Surfin' Foundation in Bedford County, Virginia recently made in support of the wounded warriors participating in the H.E.R.O. (Human Exploitation Rescue Operatives) Child Rescue Corps. I want to express my thanks to the Safe Surfin' Foundation and Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown for stepping forward to go above and beyond to serve in a special time of need.

Sheriff Brown enlisted the Safe Surfin' Foundation to work with Moose International to supply computers and monitors for the military veterans selected to participate in the H.E.R.O. Child Rescue Corps training at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Thanks to such generosity, these special men and women who served with distinction in our military will be able to continue serving our country by protecting our most innocent citizens—our children—from criminals on the Internet. Their introduction to the highly specialized training required to do their work would not have been possible if not for Sheriff Brown's timely action and the collaborative

help of the Safe Surfin' Foundation and Moose International on the IT front.

The Safe Surfin' Foundation has dutifully earned an international reputation as a leader in prosecuting child predators. It is fitting that the organization stepped forward to offer assistance to the H.E.R.O. Child Rescue Corps as it joins the worldwide drive to fight child exploitation, child abuse, and human trafficking. The brave wounded warriors who will be trained will be the latest heroes in the prosecution and imprisonment of individuals who would dare commit heinous crimes against children.

I highly commend the selfless work of Sheriff Brown, who is my constituent and friend, and the Safe Surfin' Foundation for their support of the newest line of law enforcement officers fighting crime on the Internet.

TYPHOON HAIYAN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sympathy for the loss of life and destruction in the Philippines caused by Typhoon Haiyan.

Ten thousand people are feared to be dead. More than nine million people are estimated to have been affected, including 650,000 who have been displaced. In some of the hardest hit areas, the typhoon destroyed 70–80 percent of the structures in its path, severely hampering rescue and relief efforts for the millions in need.

Life-saving assistance is desperately needed. The U.S. government has already deployed U.S. Marines to assist in search and rescue and relief efforts. The U.S. Agency for International Development is providing 55 metric tons of emergency food and emergency shelters and hygiene materials for 10,000 families. This weekend, many of my Filipino constituents were networking with each other and relatives in the Philippines, to ensure families were able to get in touch with loved ones. Two containers of medicine have already been sent and the Philippine Center of Minnesota is organizing to send needed food, blankets, and emergency supplies. The Twin Cities community will continue to organize to respond to this crisis.

To people of the Philippines, we mourn your losses with you and will not abandon you in this time of need. And, when the immediate crisis has passed and the Philippines begins the long process of rebuilding, the U.S. government will continue to stand with our neighbors in the Pacific.

RECOGNIZING DR. MAURICE JACKSON'S EDITORIAL: REMEMBERING THE TURKISH BROTHERS WHO HELPED CHANGE RACE RELATIONS IN AMERICA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Maurice Jackson,