

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MICHAEL
CRAIN

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman KEN CALVERT, to ask that the House of Representatives join me in honoring and remembering Officer Michael Crain of the Riverside Police Department, who died in service of our community.

Born in Anaheim, California, Officer Crain was raised in the Riverside area. After attending Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa for a year, Michael joined the United States Marine Corps as a rifleman in the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. He served two deployments in Kuwait and was promoted from Squad Leader to Sergeant. He was then stationed in Camp Pendleton where he taught Military Operations in Urban Terrain. For his brave service, Michael was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, a Certificate of Commendation, and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

After his honorable discharge, Crain attended the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy and, upon graduating, joined the Riverside Police Department, where he served our community for 11 years.

On February 7, 2013, Officer Crain was fatally shot in an apparent ambush by former LAPD Officer Christopher Dörner while he was on routine patrol and parked at a stoplight with a trainee officer. It is disheartening that a man who fought bravely for our country overseas has lost his life in such a senseless act of violence in his own community.

Officer Crain is survived by his wife Regina, ten-year-old son Ian and four-year-old daughter Kaitlyn. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends and urge our community, and the entire nation, to forever remember Officer Michael Crain.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on February 14, 2013, I missed one recorded vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 42.

A TRIBUTE TO MONTROSE'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community of Montrose, California upon its 100th Anniversary. For over a century, this extraordinary community has grown and thrived as the center of local commerce for residents of the Crescenta-Canada Valley.

Montrose, literally meaning "pink mountain" in French, was named by French sailors enamored with the beautiful pink mountains that they could see from sea. The area was first inhabited by the Gabrielino-Tongva Indians and later settled by Don Jose Maria Verdugo who was awarded the land by the Spanish Crown. In 1913, the Holmes Watson real estate agency hosted an enormous barbeque to promote the new town of Montrose with the intention of garnering interest in the 300 acres of land available for auction. This is when the subdivision of Montrose took place. For the past century, Montrose has prospered, overcoming setbacks such as the flood of 1934. Recently, multiple bear sightings in the backyards of residents have brought Montrose to the public's attention.

Montrose Avenue was built as the main business district of the community and touted as the widest road in Los Angeles County. Although this plan never came to fruition, nearby Honolulu Avenue became the economic center of Montrose and in 1967 the Montrose Shopping Park opened. To this day Montrose has flourished with nearly 200 independently owned businesses; some of which include apparel, art, dance studios, restaurants, and bakeries.

Montrose has a diverse population of residents nestled in the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains and within a minute's drive of downtown Los Angeles. Every year, residents enjoy annual events such as the Montrose Christmas Parade, an Arts and Crafts Festival, and ceremonies honoring our veterans.

I am honored to recognize Montrose, with its rich cultural history and flourishing community and ask all Members to join us in congratulating Montrose upon its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO BRADLEY BAUDLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Bradley Baudler, an 18-year-old 4-H'er of Fontanelle, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, more than 345,000 American youths have participated in this excellent program.

Bradley was recently selected as one of Iowa's four distinguished finalists for creating a weeklong camp for 4th and 5th graders. Mr. Baudler's camp, "Brains and Basketball", consists of 14 teen mentors teaching science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lessons while mixing in basketball drills and techniques. Bradley's goal for the camp is to bolster young students' interest in STEM subjects through the popularity of athletics.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Baudler for his sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in his community and beyond. Bradley's commitment to a cause greater than himself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Bradley, and it is an honor to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Bradley, thanking his supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.

HONORING DR. BEVERLY
MITCHELL-BROOKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks, a native born Texan from South Dallas, is the first woman to lead the Dallas Urban League since its founding in 1967.

Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has proudly served as Dallas Urban League President and CEO since 1990, and has helped the Dallas Urban League to achieve its prominence. Under Dr. Mitchell-Brooks' leadership, the Dallas Urban League has grown to serve more than 60,000 clients by providing comprehensive employment training, housing and education services, and specialized ex-offender re-entry programs to low and middle income families throughout Dallas County. The Dallas Urban League has been praised for its remarkable success in implementing these programs, and has been the recipient of numerous federal grants in recognition of their successes.

Dr. Mitchell-Brooks is also widely recognized for her diverse achievements outside of her work with the Dallas Urban League. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks, in her capacity as an environmental specialist for the EPA and the City of Dallas, was charged with analyzing lead contamination in West Dallas, and consequently contributed to the closing of hazardous smelters in that area. She also served as Director of Public Affairs for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit, DART, system, where she expanded access to public transportation for working families by establishing the first crosstown bus route to Oak Cliff.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mitchell-Brooks deserves great recognition for her endless efforts to empower members of the Dallas community. Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has demonstrated leadership in bringing community-oriented services to Dallas, and in making those services accessible to individuals of all backgrounds. She has devoted her life working to improve the quality of life for countless individuals, and I join with my constituents in expressing my incredible gratitude and appreciation for all that Dr. Mitchell-Brooks has done for Dallas, and the great State of Texas.

NATIONAL MARFAN AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to raise awareness of Marfan syndrome and related heritable connective tissue disorders by observing National Marfan Awareness Month.

Marfan syndrome is a rare genetic condition affecting roughly 1 in 5,000 Americans. Marfan syndrome impacts the connective tissue throughout the body, which can lead to various health issues. Some of these health issues can be disabling or even fatal. In Marfan patients the largest artery in the body, the aorta, can weaken, enlarge, and rupture. By raising awareness today I seek to promote recognition and early diagnosis of Marfan syndrome so that serious cardiac events can be prevented.

Early diagnosis and proper treatment are the keys to managing Marfan syndrome and living a full life. I am pleased to announce that the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology have released new treatment guidelines for thoracic aortic disease. Since recognition and proper treatment are the major components of preventing the most serious health issues, I call on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to work closely with the Marfan syndrome community to raise awareness of these conditions and the new treatment guidelines.

While there is currently no cure for Marfan syndrome, efforts are underway to enhance our understanding of the condition and improve patient care. I applaud the National Institutes of Health, particularly the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculo skeletal and Skin Diseases for their research efforts in this regard. I encourage NIH to expand research efforts in this area moving forward.

On behalf of the Marfan syndrome and related heritable connective tissue disorders community, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing February as National Marfan Awareness Month.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join millions of people across the nation to celebrate Black History Month. This year's theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington," acknowledges two pivotal impacts on American history.

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the proclamation to end slavery in the South and to preserve a republic for all people. A century later, hundreds of thousands of people of all backgrounds marched to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., seeking equality for everyone in America.

It was also where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A

Dream" speech which echoes through the nation even until this day. Both events marked the beginning of endless opportunities for minorities serving as foundations for the structure of public organizations of the 21st century.

Fighting for equality is a constant struggle that requires the efforts of all of us in our time. As we celebrate the 150th year of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March of Washington, we must keep working towards progress by reducing poverty and encouraging higher education in our communities.

I have dedicated my life to promoting equality for all as I continue to remember the racial and social injustices that took place many years ago. I will remain persistent in advocating for progress alongside my fellow Colleagues in Congress.

THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to one of the single most important environmental crises facing our Nation and the global family: the threat of global warming. This past Tuesday, President Obama spoke in this chamber about the necessity of addressing global warming in order to avoid imminent, disastrous consequences.

The science of global warming is clear and empirical: the earth's atmosphere is getting warmer, due to an increase in carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels.

As a result, we are experiencing more violent and turbulent storms, longer drought seasons, and dangerous and costly wild fires in our nation's wooded areas and forests. Now is not the time to debate whether global warming is real or not, but to begin bringing together elected officials, the scientific, business, environmental, and NGO communities to come up with a comprehensive and sustainable clean energy road map for America.

I strongly agree with President Obama that Congress must take immediate action to address climate change. America is one of the most technologically advanced, innovative, and wealthiest nations in the history of the world. We already have the scientific expertise and resources needed to reduce our carbon emissions and quickly transition to clean sources of energy that can power our homes, factories, and automobiles.

The good news is that by quickly transitioning away from fossil fuels towards renewable sources of energy, we can create scores of new good paying jobs, while at the same time, reducing the threat of climate change—before it is too late.

There were those who once said that we couldn't increase the fuel efficiency of our vehicles—but we did. They said we couldn't reduce our dependence on coal—but we did. When I was just a child, there were those who said that our nation could not build the Hoover Dam and provide power to millions in the Southwest—but we did. The cries of impossibility are nothing new; I have heard them my whole life. They are just as misguided now, as they were then.

The Earth is getting warmer. Our best scientists having been telling us for decades that we need to address the problem, but we have not paid sufficient attention to them. We are literally at a do or die moment in our history. We've taken important steps to address climate change, but they aren't nearly enough, given the catastrophic implications of continued foot dragging.

America cannot afford storms like Hurricane Katrina or a Hurricane Sandy every year. Our farmers and our family tables cannot afford droughts year after year. Our children and grandchildren cannot afford a New York City flooded by higher sea levels, or a breadbasket that is too scorched to feed the country, or more frequent heat waves that place thousands of low-income and elderly persons in peril.

We must act now to speed up the transition to renewable resources, reduce carbon pollution, and usher in a new era of technological development. Remember—our automotive industry was on the brink of collapse. Yet, thanks to timely government investment and the efforts of our greatest asset—the American worker—we are now manufacturing the best cars in history.

We need to address our transportation concerns in an environmentally friendly way. There should be more electrically augmented automobiles filling America's garages and our roads. We need more Chevy Volts and Ford Energi's coming off the assembly lines in Michigan and other states. Auto emissions need to be even lower. We must invest in clean public transportation systems, such as light rail and electric bus transportation. America can, and should, be the envy of clean energy enthusiasts around the world.

We need to modernize our power grid to leverage wind and solar. Our rivers and tides are resources that we need to utilize. By creating clean energy through these technologies, we can ensure a stable future for our nation. We will ensure that our rivers are full, not dry. We will preserve thousands of miles of coastlines for our next generation. We will keep our farms green, our supermarkets well-stocked, and our families well-fed.

I encourage my fellow members to heed the President's call to action and pass bipartisan reforms that will lead to a future safe from the climate calamities.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR.
SOLOMON GOLOMB

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mathematics at the University of Southern California (USC), Dr. Solomon Golomb. On February 2, 2013, Dr. Golomb was named a National Medal of Science laureate by President Obama for his outstanding contributions to the realm of communications technology. His innovation and dedication to the advancement of science has shaped our ability to communicate via cell phone as well as our ability to communicate in deep space.

Dr. Golomb had an illustrious academic career prior to working at USC. He received a