

the late 1840s, offering both economic aid as well as an introduction to a new culture of opportunity in America. The members of the Order were among the first to welcome new immigrants to their communities, preserving many of the old traditions of a far-away homeland while simultaneously introducing new traditions that were part of a uniquely American experience.

The Monsignor Farrell Division #2 Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its founders exemplify the core principles of charity, concern for our fellow man, and commitment to educating students about the sacrifices and accomplishments of prior generations. On this momentous occasion, please accept my congratulations and my gratitude for your continuing service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 44 "To eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees" (H.R. 273). Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

HONORING JIM MATTHEWS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, John Matthews, Jr. He is a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Delta.

Mr. Matthews was drafted to serve in the United States Army after graduating from Alcorn State University and becoming a licensed educator.

Mr. Matthews served during the time of the Vietnam Conflict and was a member of the 258th Personnel Service Company and the 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. He earned the rank of Sergeant Major and after serving our country for 30 years he retired with an Honorable Discharge. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Mr. Matthews returned to the Mississippi Delta and was a business manager, educator and cancer research assistant.

Mr. Matthews has stated that his service to America taught him discipline and leadership skills, and gave him the opportunity to travel and interact with various ethnic groups around the world.

Mr. Matthews wanted to continue his contact with fellow veterans so he became a member of the American Legion Post 206 in Indianola, Mississippi. In 2010 he was elected to serve as Vice Commander of VFW Post 206. He serves in other leadership roles as Chairman of the Sunflower Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc; Head Start Policy Council; Chairman of the Sunflower County Democratic Executive Committee; Community representative of the Sunflower County Crime Stoppers Program and Deacon at Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Matthews is married to Ms. Gwendolyn Goines-Matthews. His life motto is from Robert

E. Lee: "First be sure you're right, and then proceed".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Matthews for his dedication to serving our great country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ELIMINATION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act. This bill will close a gap in current law by requiring universities and colleges to spell out their policies on sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence generally. By requiring transparency out of these institutions, this bill will increase awareness for the victimization students face every day on our college campuses.

Sexual and dating violence is a serious problem on our college campuses. Over 13 percent of female undergrads have reported being stalked while at school and one out of every five women in college have reported being sexually assaulted. While these statistics are shocking, what's even more shocking is that only a fraction of these incidents are reported. When these instances of abuse go unreported, our nation's female undergraduate victims never get the support they need.

The Campus SaVE Act would close the gap in current law by requiring institutions of higher education to clearly explain their policies on dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence. Institutions will be required to include in their annual security reports statistics on domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that were reported to campus police or local police agencies. It will also promote prevention and bystander responsibility by requiring these institutions to develop clear statements of policy regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking prevention programs. Campus SaVE ensures that victims get the help they need by requiring schools to provide clear statements regarding their procedures followed when a case of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking is reported and provide victims an explanation of their rights in writing.

Young people should be able to focus on finding their intellectual passion during these years, not dealing with the mental and physical exhaustion of abuse. The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act will help ensure our college campuses and universities are safer and I urge my colleagues to support it.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the United States and Azerbaijan continue

to develop closer relations—relations which have proven immensely valuable to both nations—it is important to take the time to remember the Khojaly Massacre which took place in Azerbaijan 21 years ago, on February 25–26, 1992.

In a period of less than 12 hours, 1,275 Azerbaijanis were tortured and 613 were murdered, including 106 women and 63 children, in the town of Khojaly.

Newsweek described the victims of Khojaly as "ordinary Azerbaijani men, women, and children," separate from the on-going military conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Despite the shocking nature of these events, remembrance of the Khojaly Massacre has become nearly forgotten outside Azerbaijan's borders. This is unconscionable for our country, which has always fought to safeguard the human rights of all people.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Azerbaijan shared in our grief and pledged to stand by the United States as we brought the perpetrators to justice.

True to their word, Azerbaijan has supported allied efforts against international terrorism by allowing unrestricted access to their territory for aircraft, troops, and supplies, as well as committing their own troops to fight alongside our own.

Just as Azerbaijan has supported our nation in its time of need, so too must we not let the massacre of the 613 Azerbaijani men, women, and children drift into the dim memory of history.

I urge my colleagues to commemorate this terrible tragedy and continue our nation's support for the people of Azerbaijan, our partners in peace and prosperity for the Caspian Region.

HONORING NANCY DAVENPORT-ENNIS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my distinguished colleagues from Virginia Representative RIGELL and Representative SCOTT to recognize Nancy Davenport-Ennis, of Yorktown, Virginia, on her retirement 17 years after founding the Patient Advocate Foundation and the National Patient Advocate Foundation. Nancy Davenport-Ennis founded the Patient Advocate Foundation and the National Patient Advocate Foundation in 1996 in honor and memory of her friend, Cheryl Grimm, a breast-cancer patient who was denied coverage for her treatment. Through Nancy Davenport-Ennis' determined leadership the Patient Advocate Foundation and the National Patient Advocate Foundation have provided direct patient assistance to over 965,000 patients with chronic, debilitating and life-threatening conditions who needed help navigating the health care system or finding affordable health care. Additionally, millions of other patients were assisted through web-based informational services.

Nancy Davenport-Ennis knows first-hand of the personal battle of cancer as a two-time

breast cancer survivor. She has eloquently and openly discussed how this experience aided her in establishing a body of work that will continue to help millions of patients long past her retirement. Throughout her exemplary career as a leader in health care policy she has embodied the dignity and integrity of a true patient advocate. I join with my distinguished colleagues in expressing our utmost respect and admiration for her service to Virginians and all Americans.

RECOGNIZING OLIVER EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a remarkable young man, Oliver Evans. He is the younger of two children born to Oliver and Pearlie Evans. Oliver is a graduate of Clarksdale High School, Coahoma Community College and Mississippi Valley State University.

Oliver has been a fireman for four years with the Clarksdale Fire Department. He is certified by the Mississippi State Fire Academy. Saving lives is an emotional, physically fit, and demanding job. Firefighters must always be conscious of their physical ability and responsibility. Oliver received the "Most Physically Fit Award" from the Mississippi State Fire Academy. As a fireman, routine activities and exercises are what help him improve upon his ability to save lives such as checking fire hydrants, appliances, fire equipment, visiting local schools, building inspections and skill enhancement training. The extra training can be challenging and there are always new technologies that you must master. Again, the job is both physically and mentally demanding. You never know what to expect, the normal instinct is to run from danger; a firefighter runs into danger. Oliver said, "I considered myself truly blessed to have the opportunity to affect the lives of others in the way that this job has provided."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Oliver Evans, a committed firefighter and public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 45, "Condemning the Government of North Korea for its flagrant and repeated violations of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions, for its repeated provocations that threaten international peace and stability, and for its February 12, 2013, test of a nuclear device" (H. Res. 65). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE KHOJALY TRAGEDY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, since declaring its independence from the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan has been a reliable friend and valuable ally of the United States in a turbulent region. In this true spirit of friendship, it seems appropriate for Congress to commemorate the victims of the Khojaly tragedy as Azerbaijani people mark the 21st anniversary of this event.

The town of Khojaly is located in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and was home to some 7,000 Azerbaijani citizens during the Armenian-Azerbaijani war. On February 25 and 26 of 1992, in a period of less than 12 hours, 613 citizens, including women and children, died at the hands of Armenian forces and Russian military troops.

Human rights organizations described the advancing forces as having committed unconscionable acts of violence against civilians as they fled. The bodies of fallen men, women and children were observed by foreign journalists who visited the region in the wake of the tragedy. Given our deepening ties with Azerbaijan, it is important for American citizens to remember this event.

Twenty-one years later, the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict has not yet been fully resolved. The anniversary of this horrible tragedy is an appropriate time to honor the victims of these atrocities and reflect on the need for all parties to work together to bring a swift end to this conflict. I urge my colleagues to join me in standing with Azerbaijanis as they commemorate this tragedy.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND DR. YVONNE SCRUGGS-LEFTWICH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and to honor and highlight the distinguished career of Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich. Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich's contributions to civil rights, education, and public service have left an indelible mark on our country.

Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich has dedicated the majority of her life to public service. Born in Niagra Falls, New York, she completed her elementary and high school education in Buffalo, New York. After high school, she earned her Bachelor's Degree, with honored distinction, in Political Science from North Carolina Central University. She went on to earn a master's degree in Public Administration from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Finally, Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich earned her Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She was also the first African-American to be awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship, which she used to study political science at both the Free University in Berlin, Germany, and the Deutsche Hoch

Schule fur Politik. Her impressive educational background has earned her teaching positions at some of the country's most revered universities, including Howard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the George Washington University.

Her commitment to public service has been evident as well. Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich has served as Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was also New York State Housing Commissioner under Governor Mario Cuomo and has served as the Executive Director of President Carter's Urban and Regional Policy Group. Here, she worked to issue America's first formal National Urban Policy, a significant accomplishment. Additionally, as the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc., Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich worked tirelessly to facilitate dialogue between the leaders of the African-American community while also working to design opportunities for collaboration across racial lines.

As residents of St. Petersburg, Florida, Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich and her husband, Reverend Edward Leftwich, have launched the Quantum Opportunities after-school program through the Center for Community and Economic Justice. This program works to help at-risk teens become community leaders through tutoring, internship opportunities and training in civic leadership skills. Her unwavering dedication to encouraging a commitment to education and community service with at-risk teens has contributed in countless ways to the Tampa Bay area.

Her impressive volunteer endeavors continue to make Dr. Scruggs-Leftwich's dedication to community service clear. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation's Board of Trustees, Executive Director of the Center for Community and Economic Justice, and is Member at Large of the Black Leadership Forum.

The Tampa Bay Community is proud to recognize Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich for her outstanding career and significant contributions to the fields of education, public policy, and civil and community activism. Her dedication to advancing the rights of others through both public and community service makes her an inspirational leader. I ask that you and all Americans recognize such a remarkable citizen for her dedication to our community and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise once again today to recognize and congratulate the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection.

The City of Beverly Hills proclaimed the week of November 18, 2012 "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week." I am pleased to join the City of Beverly Hills in thanking Steven Firestein, the founder of the American Cancer Fund for Children and its sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection for his wonderful work in assisting children affected by cancer.