

Harbor was not unlike September 11, 2001, when the unexpected attack within our shores also claimed thousands of innocent lives and stunned the nation. Today, we honor those who passed the torch of freedom to a new generation. Because of their sacrifice, America remains a shining light, a beacon to the world, and a timeless reminder of the sacrifices this great nation is willing to make in the face of freedom and liberty challenged.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Magnet High School of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I congratulate the students, faculty and community on this high honor. This is a prestigious award to receive and Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

HONORING MR. PETER BENJAMIN
LEWIS

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and dear friend; a pioneering businessman, and dedicated philanthropist; a devoted father and loving husband, Peter Benjamin Lewis.

Peter Lewis was born during the Great Depression in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 11, 1933. The son of Joseph Lewis and the former Helen Rosenfeld, Peter was the oldest of four children. He graduated in 1955 from Princeton University where he met his future wife, Toby Devan. They married soon after he graduated and raised three extraordinary children: Jonathan, Ivy and Adam.

By age 12, Peter Lewis was working at his father's small insurance business. It would become his life's passion. Through decades of hard work—risking, learning, growing—Peter turned his father's 100-employee firm into one of the nation's largest auto insurance companies, the Progressive Corporation. Under Peter's visionary leadership, Progressive became one of the greatest companies in American history, today employing more than 28,000 people.

As a legendary philanthropist to numerous organizations, and as a generous benefactor of great architecture and the arts, Mr. Lewis

leaves behind a notable mark in so many different communities across the country. He has generously donated more than \$220 million to Princeton University, where he served as a trustee. He also held honorary degrees from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Janet Rosel Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio; his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Jan Lewis and son Jonathan D. Lewis, of Coconut Grove, Florida; his daughter, Ivy Lewis, of Princeton, New Jersey; his son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Melony Lewis, of Aspen, Colorado; his friend and former wife, Toby Devan Lewis, of Cleveland, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and Mr. Lewis' family in remembering and celebrating the remarkable life, lasting achievements, and indelible spirit of Peter B. Lewis.

HONORING PORTER & SONS'
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Porter and Sons' Funeral Home, Inc. in Lexington, Mississippi.

This funeral service business was established for African-Americans in 1979.

The business was first started by Mr. Lindbergh Porter, Sr., and his wife, Bernice Redmond Porter. They were instrumental in purchasing and renovating the building located at 237 Yazoo Street in Lexington, Mississippi.

Mr. Porter, Sr., and his wife ran the day-to-day operations of the funeral home until later years, when his sons, Byron, Pat and his daughter, Bonita, came on board.

Following the death of Mr. Lindbergh Porter, Sr., and his wife, Bernice Porter, the funeral home became incorporated in 1999.

Today, the Porter and Sons' Funeral Home is in the same location and is still being successfully run by all of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Sr.'s, children: Lindbergh, Jr., Pat, Byron and Bonita.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Porter and Sons' Funeral Home for its outstanding service to the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PROFESSOR
MENAHEM PRESSLER OF THE INDIANA
UNIVERSITY JACOBS
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Professor Menahem Pressler of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana. I would like to join Indiana University in recognizing his lifelong dedication to music, teaching, and the artistic inspiration of others.

During Professor Pressler's 60 years with the piano faculty of the Jacobs School of Music, he has earned the reputation as a pas-

sionate and gifted instructor, helping young, talented musicians expand upon their skills and abilities. For his commitment to music and teaching, he has received the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music at Indiana University, and also holds honorary doctorates from several other American universities. Moreover, his reputation among his peers, colleagues, and students serves as a testament to his outstanding character.

Professor Pressler's talents have taken him all over the world, performing in well-renowned competitions and musical events in the United States and abroad. He has performed solo as well as collaborated with groups like the Beaux Arts Trio, which is considered the gold standard for trios throughout the world. He has received numerous honors for his musical performances during his lifetime, beginning with first prize at the Debussy International Piano Competition in San Francisco in 1946. Since then, his career has been world renowned, performing with the orchestras of New York, Chicago, London, Paris, and many others.

I know that Hoosiers throughout Indiana's 9th District are proud to have such a brilliant, talented gentleman reside in the vibrant town of Bloomington. He has left an incredible impact not only in South Central Indiana, but also across our nation and the world, and his life and career are deserving of much recognition. For his continued work at Indiana University and outstanding contributions to music, please join me in wishing Professor Pressler a very happy birthday.

IN TRIBUTE TO GUIDO WEIGEND

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Guido Weigend for his long-term dedication at the Office of Strategic Services. His many years of service have impacted us all. I would also like to thank him for dedicating the majority of his life to the advancement of our nation's youth through his role at Arizona State University. We are in sincere gratitude for the vision, guidance, and leadership he has provided our country.

THANKING THE PARTICIPANTS TO
OUR FIRST ANNUAL 17TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT ECO-
NOMIC SUMMIT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank everyone who participated in our First Annual 17th Congressional District Economic Summit on November 22, 2013 at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

The Economic Summit, held in partnership with the University of Illinois, brought together community leaders from across our district to share economic development strategies and best practices to reduce unemployment, create jobs, and strengthen local economies.

The Economic Summit was a huge success because of the participation of our excellent

speakers and attendees. I would like to give my sincere thanks to Dr. Lawrence Schook, Adam Pollet, Steven Bahls, Tara Barney, Dr. Thomas Baynum, Shannon Duncan, and Jeffrey Kaney, Sr. for their astute analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing our district and their willingness to work together to ensure that the 17th District is one of the best places to live, work, start a business, and raise a family.

Our speakers included three exceptional educational leaders. Dr. Lawrence Schook is the Vice President for Research at the University of Illinois and is well known for his work as an educator, biomedical scientist, and entrepreneur. He also serves on the Illinois Innovation Council as well as the Board of Managers for the Argonne and Fermi National Laboratories. Steven Bahls is the President of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and a recognized scholar in business law, agricultural law, and education. Dr. Thomas Baynum is President of Black Hawk College with campuses in Moline and Galva, Illinois. Under his leadership, Black Hawk College serves roughly 20,000 students in degree programs, continuing education, and vocational programs.

Our panels also included prominent economic and community development leaders. We were fortunate to have Adam Pollet, the Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Mr. Pollet guides and oversees the agency tasked with growing our state economy. Tara Barney is the President and CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,000 businesses and 90,000 employees in the region. Shannon Duncan is a Planning Coordinator with the Western Illinois Regional Council and oversees community development work for many of the rural counties in Western Illinois. Lastly, Jeffrey Kaney, Sr. is the founder and CEO of the Kaney Group, an aerospace company in Rockford, Illinois. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and serves on the board of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council and is Chairman of the Rockford Area Aerospace Network (RAAN).

Mr. Speaker, I want to sincerely thank everyone who participated and helped make our Economic Summit such a success. While there's much work to be done, I have high hopes for our region and look forward to building on the partnerships forged at the event.

MASUD MEHRAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, last week, our community lost a great civic leader, a true American success story and a pillar of the San Francisco Bay Area: Masud Mehran. He passed away on November 26th, at the age of 93, surrounded, as he always was throughout his long life, by his family, by those he loved, by those he cherished most.

Masud Mehran lived the American Dream. He was an immigrant who came with his wife, Maryam, to the United States from Iran in search of opportunity. He got an education from some of our finest universities and traveled across our country. He made his way to the Bay Area, to the region that would be his

home for more than 60 years, and started a business. And over the ensuing decades, he built Sunset Development Company into one of the largest, most successful real estate developers in California.

For Masud, extraordinary success in business was not enough; his values, his heritage, and his conscience drove him to do more—for our community, for our young people, for our state and nation.

Beyond his extensive leadership roles among associations of home builders and developers in San Francisco and statewide, Masud's generosity could be seen in his support for the health of our youth at Children's Hospital; the development of our children in the Boy Scouts of America; the education of our students at Golden Gate University, Dominican College, UC Berkeley, and elsewhere.

His efforts were recognized with the Good Scout award for outstanding leadership in helping to build a better American community; the Democratic Heritage award from the Anti-Defamation League; and the Award of Excellence from the Urban Land Institute for Large-Scale Office Park Development.

All who knew him will long be inspired by his leadership, his values, his strength, and his willingness to give back to those around him. His legacy can be found in the impact of his philanthropy and the example he set for so many others in the Bay Area and nationwide. Yet no legacy—in business or in community activism—could ever compare to the extraordinary pride he always took in his family.

Devotion to his family was Masud's first priority. Dedication to his loved ones was his defining characteristic. Spending time with his wife, Farideh, his son, Alex, and his grandchildren was his greatest joy. He will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

May it be a comfort to the entire Mehran family that so many share in their grief and mourn along their side at this sad time. May Masud Mehran's life and memory forever be a blessing to us all.

**HONORING THE COLUMBUS EAST
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Columbus East High School football team.

The Columbus East football team recently captured the team's second state championship. The Olympians won the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A State Final 28–27 over Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger. With 3:42 left in the game, Columbus East scored a touchdown, giving them the one point lead that won the championship.

The team embodied the best of Hoosier sportsmanship with their dedication, grit, and execution shown not only in the championship game but throughout the season. For the leadership and support of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the Athletic Director and Coach, Bob Gattis, Superintendent John Quick, Principal Mark Newell and the assistant coaches.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Columbus East

Olympians for their impressive victory. I look forward to seeing what each of these talented young athletes will achieve in the future.

**RECOGNIZING ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ACADEMY**

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Rose of Lima Academy of Short Hills, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. St. Rose of Lima Academy is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I congratulate the students, faculty and community on this high honor. This is a prestigious award to receive and St. Rose of Lima Academy is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SHEILA LEIGH STEWART**

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Sheila Leigh Stewart, a former resident of Laurel in the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland. She died unexpectedly and tragically on October 24, 2013. A memorial service for Sheila will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Landover, Maryland. I want to remember the legacy Ms. Stewart leaves behind.

Ms. Sheila Stewart had a long and distinguished career of more than 25 years in the broadcasting industry. She epitomized the traits of a good citizen, serving our communities as an organizer of engagement and charitable giving. I join all of the metropolitan Washington area in mourning the loss of a great woman and unparalleled public citizen.

Ms. Stewart was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, on February 28, 1969. She graduated from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism, and also worked as an adjunct Professor of Journalism at several colleges.

Known by radio listeners as "Ms. Community," Ms. Stewart worked for years in Charlotte at Power98, WPEG-FM, where she served as on-air-personality and news and public affairs director. When she relocated to the Washington, DC, area, Sheila worked as the news and community affairs director for Radio One. She was at the helm of news programming at WKYS, Radio One's DC station, and the company's other affiliates, including Praise 104.1, WPRS-FM.

At Radio One, Ms. Stewart was instrumental in advocating on behalf of community issues,