

stop, it is time for the Burma Army to withdraw from the ethnic areas, and it is time for the international community to stop indirectly facilitating the blatant racism in Burma by normalizing every relationship with the regime Burma and instead express exceptional disappointment with the failure to move forward towards honest political dialogue and true democracy.

I call on the Government of Burma to prove its commitment to democracy and peace by unconditionally and immediately ending the horrific attacks against ethnic minorities and fully withdrawing from their territories. Earn the trust of the people by showing, over the long term, that you truly have turned 180 degrees and will implement democratic principles instead of imposing a dictatorship on the population.

I call on the Obama Administration to embrace the reality in Burma. Listen to what the people who live inside Burma say they desire. They want to live in peace, but that will not happen until the Burma Government and Army stop their attacks against the ethnic groups and enact a nationwide ceasefire. The U.S. Administration needs to stop its direct and indirect support for the Burma Government and Army by discontinuing assistance until specific benchmarks are met, by delaying any Pentagon training until all attacks against minorities cease, and by ensuring the ethnic nationality groups are given a full and equal place at the table to help decide the future of their country.

To the ethnic nationalities of Burma—stand your ground. You deserve to have your rights and freedoms protected and you deserve an equal place at the table to decide the future of your country.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL AND THE WORLD OF WONDERS SCIENCE PROGRAM

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. Liberty High School was the recipient of the Lawrence Livermore National Security's (LLNS) Community Gift Program for the school's AP Environmental Science and Calculus Classes. These classes engage students in science through a water quality monitoring project that allows students to sample, analyze, and interpret water quality data for Marsh Creek.

I also want to recognize the World of Wonders Science Museum in Lodi, California, which also was a recipient of the LLNS Community Gift Program. This museum offers hands-on, science-based exhibits and programs to disadvantaged schools within San Joaquin County.

Engaging young people in science, technology, math, and education programs is key to ensuring that the United States remains a world leader in technology advancements and innovation. We must challenge our children intellectually and find ways to keep them interested in making our world a better place.

It is in the classroom, the home, and our community that children are inspired to learn

and explore. Liberty High School and the World of Wonders Science Museum represent what can be accomplished when all partners involved work together.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Liberty High School and the World of Wonders Science Museum for earning a competitive grant and for the work they do with children in our community.

HONORING MARTHA LOPEZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Martha Lopez arrived here from Mexico City when she was 15, attended and graduated from Mamaroneck High School. She went on to get her B.A. in Sociology from Lehman College and a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

She worked for the Washingtonville Housing Alliance for more than 17 years as the assistant director. While there she involved herself in a variety of community activities including as a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of KEEPS, an after-school program for children in Mamaroneck, and as a Founding Member and Chair of Voz y Vida at St. Vito's Church which helps Hispanic families adjust to the United States and easing the problems of day laborers in Mamaroneck. Voz y Vida received the Martin Luther King Award from the Mamaroneck Tri-Commission Human Rights Committee in 1993.

She is also a member of the Westchester Hispanic Advisory Board, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Emelin Theater, and Co-founding the Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont/Mamaroneck and served for two years its president.

She received the Dr. Martin Luther King Human Rights Award, for her efforts on behalf of immigrants.

In 2001 Martha was named Director for Hispanic Affairs for Westchester County, serving as a bridge between government programs and services and the Westchester Hispanic community.

In 2010 Martha oversaw the village-wide educational campaign that complied with the Federal Voting Rights Case settlement of Port Chester.

She is presently Bilingual Election Inspector Coordinator with Westchester County Board of Elections where she manages a county-wide training program for more than 200 bilingual (English-Spanish) election inspectors.

She and her husband Dennis Hanratty, Executive Director of Mount Vernon United Tenants, have two children. Louis and Jason.

Martha Lopez has compiled an extraordinary record of accomplishments for the Hispanic community and for Westchester County and I am proud to join with the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester in honoring her.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE A. MILLIN

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Leslie A. Millin, Sr. a

former Director of Personnel for the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, who recently passed away after a long illness. Leslie A. Millin was a career public servant, a community activist and a man committed to our territory.

He will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to civil service and his commitment to improving the quality of life, not just for government employees, but for all Virgin Islanders.

Leslie Millin, Sr. was first appointed to Director of Personnel, by our first elected governor, the Honorable Melvin E. Evans in 1972. Under his directorship, a voluntary Health Insurance Plan was established. He continued his service during the administration of former Governor Juan Luis, and was the last Personnel Director to administer both the Government Employees Retirement System and the Personnel System of the Virgin Islands government. Under the administration of the Honorable Roy L. Schneider, he served as Director of Human Resources and Comptroller of the Department of Public Works.

Leslie Millin, Sr. came from a family for whom public service was first nature. He is the grandson of the first female Virgin Islands Senator Lucinda Millin, the son of the third elect Lieutenant Governor Henry A. Millin and the brother of sitting Virgin Islands senator Janet Millin Young and the father of current Commissioner of Property and Procurement Lynn Millin Maduro.

As we remember Leslie Millin, Sr.'s example of public service, I offer my condolences to his wife, Daisy-Mae, his sister, Senator Janet Millin Young, his children, to include Commissioner Lynn Millin Maduro and his many other relatives, friends and colleagues who are all saddened by his passing. On behalf of my family and staff, I extend my sympathies. May he rest in peace.

HONORING CHIEF MARK MCCORMICK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Mark McCormick, who is retiring after more than 20 years of service with the Santa Rosa Fire Department.

Mark has been a member of the Santa Rosa Fire Department for more than 20 years, during which time he has served our community in a number of capacities. He has served as a Firefighter, Fire Captain, Fire Inspector as well as the Department's Deputy Fire Chief and City Fire Marshal. Mr. McCormick was appointed Fire Chief on September 1st, 2011.

His long and storied career began 32 years ago when he served his country in the United States Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he began his post-military career in firefighting with both the City of Corona and the Orange County Fire Departments prior to moving to Santa Rosa in 1991.

During his tenure with the SFRD Mark saw many successes, including the expansion of the department's service territory with the construction of Fire Station-10 and Station-11. In

addition, Mr. McCormick was instrumental in the development of a funding plan for the relocation of Fire Station-5 to Fountaingrove Parkway, which is within a significant Wildland Urban Interface fire zone within the City. Mark also oversaw the implementation of a residential sprinkler ordinance as well as major improvements in public safety communications ensuring that all police and fire communications functioned in all buildings, large and small. These efforts are first hand proof that Chief McCormick's top priority was always the safety of his community.

In addition to his work as a public servant, Mark is a former President of the Santa Rosa Firefighters, IAFF Local 1401 where he served on their Executive Board for eight years. In 2003, Mark was honored by labor and management as the Santa Rosa Firefighter of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Mark McCormick has spent more than two decades serving his country and community. It is appropriate that we honor him today for his public service and to wish him well upon his retirement.

HONORING REV. EDWARD
MULRAINE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship in the United States have played a major role in our communities, offering solace, support, and sustenance, both physical and moral, to all. In Mount Vernon, the Unity Baptist Tabernacle, under the guidance of the Rev. Edward Mulrine fulfills all those roles, and today we are celebrating Rev. Mulrine's tenth Pastoral Anniversary in guiding the membership of his church.

Rev. Mulrine has accomplished much in that time to help his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

He established a Men's Fellowship Choir, a Prayer Ministry, a Senior Ministry, and the Gospel Pearls. He expanded the Church's Ministry through radio station WVOV and the Internet. He instituted Women as Deacons and Unity Baptist Tabernacle saw its first Women Deacons in 2011. Unity Tabernacle now teaches Weekly Bible Study and has a Drama Ministry and a Catering Ministry.

More pragmatically Rev. Mulrine raised the funds for a new computer center which now has 14 brand new computers, installed new air conditioning in the Dining Hall, painted the sanctuary and redid the Church roof, and is paying off the \$300,000 mortgage.

Beyond his church and ministry, Rev. Mulrine has aided his community by getting pedestrian crossing light on local streets, marching against violence, and protesting cuts to Day Care and Mount Vernon Hospital. He established the Annual Church Trip and Fellowship to South Carolina, started Home Coming after Summer Break, and fought for funds for the South Street Park.

Rev. Mulrine, and all of Mount Vernon, today celebrate his tenth anniversary as Minister of the Unity Baptist Tabernacle. I am proud to join in this celebration of a man who has made a great difference in his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT NANCY
THURNAUER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer who is set to retire from the Coventry Police Department at the end of December 2013. Affectionately known as Officer Nancy, she has spent the last thirty-two years serving the Town of Coventry.

Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer began her career with the Coventry Police Department on September 14, 1981 as a dispatcher. She became a sworn officer in August 1985 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in February of 1998. She often worked with children, and spent a number of years teaching D.A.R.E. in the Coventry School system. Frequently praised for her compassion for others, Officer Nancy was beloved by many in Coventry. She received numerous commendations and heartfelt letters of gratitude from those she had helped.

In 2008, Lieutenant Thurnauer played a crucial role in negotiating the surrender and apprehension of an armed assailant who had just committed a murder and was holding a child, refusing to surrender. Her courage and skill earned her the Department's Police Service Cross.

I ask that my colleagues join with me in honoring the career of Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer. I wish her the best of luck with all her future endeavors. I have no doubt that she will remain an active member of her community in Coventry.

ACADIANA HIGH SCHOOL
WRECKIN' RAMS CROWNED
STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Acadiana High School Wreckin' Rams football team for recently being crowned Class 5A state champions by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association on December 14, 2013, in New Orleans. This team put on a show for the ages as it amassed a state finals rushing record of 634 yards night en route to its 77-41 win over the Parkway High Panthers in the state championship game. The 77 points by the Rams was a Class 5A record, including 42 points in the first half.

The game was a shootout with teams trading possessions frequently. Acadiana High School attributed its success to the veer offense which combined a strong offensive line with a formidable ground game. Evidenced by the fact four of the team's running backs gained over 140 yards under the bright lights of the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the offensive scheme was a success.

This was Acadiana High School's third state championship. I'd like to congratulate Coach Ted Davidson, finals' Most Outstanding Player Edward Cormier, and the entire Wreckin'

Rams team on their victory. This team made its community proud by the way it simply dominated its competition en route to becoming state champions.

I look forward to next year's football season and wish the Wreckin' Rams team good luck in defending its crown.

BARBARA SCRIPPS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Barbara Scripps for her outstanding service to our community.

In addition to running her own accounting firm in Evergreen for over twenty years, Barbara never hesitates to take the role of the leader on multiple non-profit boards, creating a trajectory to get things done. With her participation, community boards have undergone positive, significant financial changes and growth. As current president of the Evergreen Rotary Club she is helping to implement a fundraising strategy transition. She is a long-serving board member of both Evergreen Country Day School and Mt. Evans Hospice, and she saw the Center for Arts Evergreen through its creation of a visual arts center, and continues to serve on that board. The Colorado CPA Society recognized Barbara with an award as a "CPA Making A Difference", based on her strong support for her community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Barbara Scripps for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING SUSAN SOBEL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Susan Sobel, the District Manager of the Yonkers Field Office of the Social Security Administration is retiring after 35 years of service to the people on the New York area.

Susan began her career in November 1977 as a claims representative trainee in the Hunts Point Field Office and in 1982, she was promoted to operations supervisor in the East Bronx Field Office. In 1988, she participated in the New York Region Staff Development Program as a field services specialist in the New York Regional Office.

Over the years, Susan held positions of increasing responsibility, including social insurance program analyst in the New York Office of the Regional Commissioner and Assistant District manager in the Yonkers Field Office. In September 2002, she received a temporary promotion to District Manager of the White Plains office and, in June 2003, she was named District Manager of the Yonkers Field office.

Throughout her career, Susan received numerous awards, including a Commissioner's