

in honor of Adam's courageous sacrifice for our nation and the inspiration he offers to his family, friends, and those he meets along his journey today.

THE KEYS TO LIFE

Along the road of life. . .
 There are some Keys to so realize. . .
 That which, we should all so live by!
 Up which rise so very high,
 up above all else which now so lies!
 Where, faith and honor. . .
 but so touch the sky!
 That which so determines,
 who we are as realized!
 When, who so lives and so dies!
 All in these the short moments of our
 lives. . .
 All in that most magnificent code,
 that which we should all so live by. . .
 A code of honor,
 that which so makes even the Angels cry!
 That all in our stead,
 so determines if we have so followed or led!
 And so left behind!
 When, to this world we say goodbye. . .
 For The Greatest Things of All,
 we find in hearts of courage full who come to
 call!
 Who so serve our country armed with words
 like,
 Strength In Honor, Faith and Courage. . .
 who all in the darkest nights will not so be
 discouraged. . .
 With words like Duty, Country, and God,
 which so ranks the highest of them all. . .
 As The Key To Life is so found,
 all in a heart of faith which now so astound!
 So very deep down,
 inside of one's soul that which comes to
 call. . .
 All in your most splendid life,
 as Adam we have so saw. . .
 Which brings such tears,
 to even the Angel's eyes which now fall. . .
 That gives one the strength to so coura-
 geously stand tall!
 While, all those darkest of all nights of all!
 As we so see Adam's fine heart so come to
 call!
 But, to wear that uniform. . .
 of The United States Army,
 and march off to war with hearts of courage
 warm. . .
 To so face of death,
 but For The Greater Good all in a Heroes
 quest!
 All in your most heroic sheen,
 To But Be The Best!
 And Adam,
 when in that moment of truth,
 as there you were so close to death!
 As your fine life hung by just a thread. . .
 As four of your Brothers In Arms,
 now beside you so heroically lie dead!
 And you so saw,
 what this war had done. . .
 and you so began to cry for your lost loved
 ones. . .
 As it was all in that moment of truth,
 as when you so gallantly denied death!
 As your fine heart so chose to fight,
 to rise up with not much left!
 As you so dug deep down inside,
 and so reached for the skies!
 But, to Live or Die?
 As somehow,
 you so found that faith and courage to so
 survive!
 As Pennsylvania's Pride,
 as you so wiped away all of those tears from
 your eyes!
 And you so began your new battle cry!
 As all out on your road to recovery,
 as you so passed them all so by!
 As somehow we must catch up to you,
 so try!
 For it's all within your great heart of faith,

that you found the way. . .
 But where The Key's To Life So Lie!
 As you so unlocked all of that heartache and
 pain,
 and would not compromise!
 As your fine heart got up,
 and so began to rise!
 And for all of your fallen Brothers In Arms,
 you so carry with you now inside!
 As you so honor them all in this way,
 all in what your most courageous life now
 portrays!
 As you are Army Strong in every way!
 Hoo. . . ah. . . as you so rebuild your life day
 after day!
 For a heart can take us to places,
 to where dreams are so made this!
 Can so help us to win wars,
 and bring us back from the dead as the world
 we so amaze!
 Even without legs, and arms. . .
 can help us walk again and hold the world in
 our arms this day!
 For Adam they may take your strong arm
 and legs!
 But, they can not so touch Adam,
 what's within your fine heart of faith so
 armed!
 Because, Adam you are Army Strong!
 And your fine life is but a song,
 a song of character and faith to us which
 now belongs. . .
 With The Keys To Life to keep us strong!
 So we better start running,
 if we want to catch up to you!
 Because, some people are put upon this
 earth. . .
 To So Teach and So Beseech Us All In Their
 Great Worth!
 So surely Adam,
 as you have so shown us all what so truly
 comes first!
 And your fine Mother,
 who through thick and thin stood. . .
 Has so stood by you in the very worst!
 And helped you with your rebirth!
 For these are The Keys To Life,
 chapter and verse!
 And if ever I have a son,
 I wish he could be as courageous as this one!
 Who with his fine heart of gold,
 so shines like the morning sun,
 for all of us to so behold!
 Because Adam,
 all in what your fine life is about. . .
 Are also found the keys to Heaven no doubt!
 As you have so bravely shown us all,
 how to so live with and without!
 But, up in Heaven. . .
 you need not arms nor legs. . .
 And Adam my son,
 that's where you're going one fine day. . .
 Up with our Lord where you will run. . .
 For you have so shone us all,
 The Keys to Life,
 my son!

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM J. MCKINNEY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. William McKinney, a nationally recognized teacher, scholar, and academic leader, on his appointment as the 9th President of Valdosta State University and to wish him luck during his inaugural week.

Dr. McKinney earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Bucknell University and

both a Master of Arts in History and Philosophy and a Ph.D. at Indiana University-Bloomington. Prior to his appointment as Valdosta State University President, Dr. McKinney served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, as the Chairperson of Philosophy and Religion at Southeast Missouri State, and as Dean of the College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

As a lifelong supporter of a liberal arts education, Dr. McKinney has published well over 100 papers, book chapters, and reviews on everything from environmental ethics to civic engagement. I know he will be an asset to the Valdosta State University Campus. I am proud to have him representing Valdosta State University and my home state. Congratulations, again, to Dr. McKinney. I look forward to working with him in the years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN JOHN DEMARCO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary career of Captain John DeMarco, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Niagara Falls Police Department.

A third-generation police officer, Captain DeMarco has a proud family legacy of public service. His grandfather was well-known as a Niagara Falls motorcycle cop. His father was a chief in the New York State Park Police, serving for forty years. His brother, Bob, will remain active in the Niagara Falls Police force as a Juvenile Detective.

Prior to his career in the Niagara Falls Police Department, Captain DeMarco pursued higher education, earning a degree from Niagara University in 1972. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, honorably serving our nation for twelve years.

Upon returning home to Niagara Falls, Captain DeMarco earned a place in the police department's patrol unit. He rose through the ranks, becoming a patrol lieutenant, then a deputy to Superintendent Christopher Carlin in 2000. When Superintendent Carlin left for active military duty from November 2001 to October 2002, he entrusted Captain DeMarco to serve as acting police superintendent, a role he continued to serve under Carlin's successor, John Chella.

As an officer, Captain DeMarco understood and revered the police department's immense responsibility to protect their neighbors. He sought to build trusting relationships with community members, working in conjunction to create a safer Niagara Falls. Active within the community himself, he is a founding member of the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation and continues to serve on the Niagara Police Athletic League.

Captain DeMarco served Niagara Falls with great pride and bravery. On February 7, 2009, two fellow officers, Walter Nichols Jr. and Michael D. Bird, were shot on South Avenue. The police force united, performing at their

best to protect citizens and colleagues. Captain DeMarco valued the special bond between officers, and the great responsibility entrusted to the police force as the first to respond during crises.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to acknowledge the career of Captain John DeMarco. I am grateful for his twenty-six years of service to Niagara Falls, and I wish him the best of luck as he brings his expertise in law enforcement to his new role as a faculty member in the Niagara University Criminal Justice Department.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 150th anniversary of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, which was established in the city of San Francisco in 1863, and which is now headquartered in my Congressional District in Novato, California. A celebration of this important milestone will be taking place on April 4th at the Old San Francisco Mint.

Fireman's Fund has been one of the nation's premier insurance companies, protecting the future for individuals, families, and businesses. Its own history parallels that of both this state and country. Fireman's Fund has insured the construction of national landmarks including the Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis.

It survived the Chicago Fire of 1871 and the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, playing a critical role in rebuilding after the devastation. The company was also there when it mattered for many displaced people after the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989.

This company is a true innovator—the first insurance provider to write a standing grain policy in the U.S., the first carrier to offer nationwide automobile insurance and standardized homeowners insurance, and the first company to add “green” insurance to their offerings for homes and businesses.

The Fireman's Fund name, which is heralded in California, emanates from the founder's arrangement to pay 10 percent of the company's profits to support the widows and orphans of firefighters who died in the line of duty. That tradition continues today through the company's Heritage Program®, providing fire departments throughout the nation with life-saving equipment and training. Working in combination with its employees, agents and brokers, the company has distributed more than \$30 million to support firefighters for safer communities since 2004. The company has also been a benefactor of numerous charities in the San Francisco Bay Area and its generosity has added tremendously to the vitality of our communities.

More than 1,200 Californians work for Fireman's Fund, with the majority of them residing in my own Congressional District. They are not only dedicated professionals who partner with agents and brokers to provide high quality insurance services, but many spend countless

hours engaged in volunteer work for a variety of causes.

I look forward to being at the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Fireman's Fund on April 4th. It is a great company with outstanding people and it remains one of California's most enduring financial institutions. Given the time of rapid change in which we live, it is comforting to know that companies like Fireman's Fund still endure, and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them well with the hope that they will still be with us for another 150 years.

HUNGARY TODAY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, less than a month ago I chaired a hearing on “Anti-Semitism: A Growing Threat to All Faiths.” One of the witnesses was Tamás Fellegi, a former minister in the Orbán government, who is himself Jewish. His testimony was impressive, as was the long list of significant actions the Orbán government has taken to combat anti-Semitism in Hungarian society.

Mr. Fellegi admitted frankly that anti-Semitism is a serious social problem in Hungary. Fortunately, the Orbán government is on a clear upward trajectory here, and gives every sign that it will continue to be part of the solution rather than the problem. I'm confident it will particularly take on the persistent attempts to rehabilitate Holocaust perpetrators and vicious anti-Semites, both from the 1930s and 1940s and today. I will certainly continue to urge it to do so.

We all know that many NGOs and a few governments, including our own, have been vocal in criticizing the Hungarian government on various grounds touching on democracy and human rights—and that the Hungarian government and its supporters have rejected these criticisms vigorously.

Having reviewed material on both sides, I must say that I believe the Orbán government is right when it says that many of the criticisms are unfair, involving double standards, misrepresentations, and inaccurate information. The Hungarian government has carefully documented this, for example in its “Open Letter to Freedom House.”

For another example, the administration, in criticizing the Orbán government's adoption of a new constitution, claimed in its written testimony to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe this week that in “fundamental” matters, “the process must lead to a consensus built from a cross-section of society, rather than reflect only the opinions of the ruling coalition . . . the lack of serious consultation with different sectors of society, did not honor the democratic spirit . . .” Anyone familiar with the passage of the Obamacare legislation might well question whether this is a message our government is ideally situated to deliver. Certainly it should have avoided the rude insinuation about democracy.

Yet we need to continue delivering these and similar messages to a number of foreign governments—we must not give in to the cynicism induced by our own or any other government's failings.

But we should be a lot more humble—especially when we are dealing with a country like Hungary, where the system of constitutional checks and balances is alive and well, where a democratic party with an unprecedented supermajority and a mandate for dramatic change, gained in a free and fair election, passed a democratic constitution and shows itself open to working with others to amend and improve the flaws in its new laws. This is a conversation between equals, and there is a lot we can learn from Hungary. I'm thinking particularly here of the constitutional cap on public debt and the statement that life will be protected in the womb.

I'd like to congratulate the Hungarian government for the many laudable things in the new constitution—many things that advance human rights, including the prohibition of human trafficking, reproductive cloning, and its promotion of the culture of life. And for the rest, I look forward to a continuing conversation with the Hungarian government about their and our constitutional traditions and how they can both be improved.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN WEIR

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman ERIC SWALWELL to recognize the unparalleled career of Mr. Stephen Weir and congratulate him as he retires after forty years of public service on behalf of the people of Contra Costa County. Steve Weir has been known throughout our community as a man of uncommon commitment and unwavering integrity.

Born in Richmond, California and raised in Pleasant Hill, Steve has been a life-long resident of Contra Costa County. Following his graduation with Honors from the University of California at Berkeley, Steve moved back to Central County to begin his career as a public servant. He won his first elected position in 1973 as the Contra Costa Water District Director. After serving seven years in that capacity, Steve was elected to the Concord City Council in 1980, and in 1984 he was selected by his colleagues to serve a two-year term as Concord's Mayor. During this time, Steve also took on the responsibilities of regional Commissioner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and became Chairman in 1991.

It was in 1989, following the death of County Recorder Jim Olson, that Steve was appointed to fill the vacant seat for County Recorder. Steve was subsequently elected to the office in 1990 and has been returned to the position by voters every four years since.

As County Clerk-Recorder, Steve immediately went to work streamlining the Clerk office system from five offices spread throughout Martinez, to one consolidated, state-of-the-art facility. Leveraging nearly \$13 million in federal and state grant funding, he developed and purchased a vote tabulation system and introduced electronic recording to our county. Steve's efficiency continued to garner favorable results as his implementation of a department-wide Performance Management Program