

culture by the exchange of ideas on all matters pertaining to the garden." In these early years, the meetings were mainly social gatherings accompanied by a lecture and an elaborate tea. By 1917, the club became a chapter of the Garden Club of America, and its focus shifted from teas to civic projects, conservation, preservation of wild flowers, and bird life.

Throughout its history, the Garden Club of Morristown has been politically active, working with Washington and Trenton to advocate various causes. They aided the needy through the Great Depression, as well as planted Victory Gardens and provided acreage for planting during the World Wars. During World War II, the club sent small decorations to local veterans hospitals, which began an annual wreath-making tradition. The Garden Club of Morristown also strongly advocated against the placement of billboards on New Jersey highways that were built with federal funds and supported the efforts to begin the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in 1964.

The Garden Club of Morristown has also worked on several local projects throughout town, such as the beautification of Washington's Headquarters with plantings in 1926. They worked on the Neighborhood House in 1934, as well as Macculloch Hall's historic gardens in 1959, among many others. Within the club itself, overseen by the Horticulture Committee, members had two main projects; attending flower arrangement courses, and working at least three days in a greenhouse for practical lessons. This program saw members win awards for their irises and chrysanthemums, and by 1949, the club had grown to an impressive 77 members.

The achievements of the Garden Club of Morristown continued, and in 1985, by the leadership of Isabel Bartenstein, the club became a Founders Fund finalist for its work on the restoration of the Gardens at Morven in Princeton. In partnership with the Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Morris County Park System, the Garden Club of Morristown established "Branching Out," an award-winning children's garden. Throughout the 1990's, the club held several fundraising events, including a Christmas house tour. From 1997–1999, the Garden Club of Morristown's own Chris Wilmsen served as President of the Garden Club of America. They also hosted dinner parties and garden tours for the Garden Club of America's annual meeting in 1999, and held the Zone IV meeting.

In 2007, Congressman and honorary member Rodney Frelinghuysen was awarded the Garden Club of America's Frances K. Hutchison Medal for conservation, and since 2000, the Garden Club of Morristown has received the award for the most horticultural, flower show, and photography points at the Zone IV meeting five of seven times. The Garden Club of Morristown's annual plant sale continues to be their largest fundraiser, and they remain active in local projects and fundraising events today. The club is as vibrant and vigorous today as it was at its founding one hundred years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Garden Club of Morristown, Morris County as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE BULLITT CENTER, THE GREENEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE WORLD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Bullitt Center, which will be the greenest commercial building in the world. The Bullitt Center is complete, and is planning its grand opening on Earth Day, Monday, April 22.

This six-story, 50,000-square-foot building is located near downtown Seattle. The Bullitt Center will achieve the goals of the Living Building Challenge (version 2.0), as described by the International Living Building Institute.

To be certified as a Living Building, a structure is required to be self-sufficient for energy and water for at least 12 continuous months and must meet rigorous standards for green materials and the quality of its indoor environment.

The Bullitt Center features include: a solar array which will generate as much electricity as the building uses; rainwater collection for storage and use throughout the building; and ample natural lighting with opening windows. Also, Bullitt Center has been constructed without "red list" hazardous materials, which include PVC, cadmium, lead, mercury, and hormone-mimicking substances, which are sometimes found in building components.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I celebrate the opening of the Bullitt Center. It is a beautiful, self-sufficient building that exemplify technological leadership and innovation in the Puget Sound region. I am proud that the greenest commercial building demonstrating self-sufficiency for energy and water will soon open in Seattle.

PORT SECURITY GRANT ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, each day, U.S. ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 States. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, they must remain competitive and secure.

Thus, we must remain vigilant and make sure we are giving States the resources necessary, so they can address the constant security threats that continue to loom at our Nation's ports. Whether its scanning foreign cargo for nuclear material or patrolling essential waterways, port security has become increasingly important as we expand into a 21st century global economy. However, funding for these efforts continue to be a challenge as maritime security continue to expand and broaden with ever-evolving threats. Additionally, the economic downturn has forced cash-strapped States to cut funding for these vital security initiatives.

That is why I am reintroducing the Port Security Grant Act, which will extend the Port Security Grant Program through 2017. The Port Security Grant Act addresses these problems by allowing States to receive the Federal funding they need in order to secure their vital ports of entry. The program authorizes up to \$400 million for States to train personnel, expand port recovery and resiliency capabilities, and increase their capacity to detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving explosive devices.

However, Congress has failed to extend this vital program beyond 2015. By not extending this program, we endanger the critical progress that has been made in port security and increase the overall risk to our national and economic security.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that States continue to receive the funding they need in order to protect our Nation's gateways to the rest of the world.

HONORING DR. ROBERT WITT, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, a decade ago this spring, Dr. Robert Witt became the 26th president of The University of Alabama.

Last March, after nine highly successful years as UA president, Bob was unanimously elected Chancellor of the University of Alabama System. In his new post, he is continuing to transform the UA System, which is comprised of the flagship campus in Tuscaloosa, as well as The University of Alabama at Birmingham and The University of Alabama in Huntsville, into one of America's fastest growing public university systems.

Together, the UA system budget exceeds \$4.6 billion with student enrollment at the three campuses exceeding 57,000 and more than 26,000 employees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Bob Witt for over a decade of dedication, service and leadership to The University as well as to the State of Alabama.

When Dr. Witt was selected UA president in 2003, he brought to the campus an ambitious "Plan for Growth" to boost student enrollment and school prestige. During a period of austerity in state funding and with challenges in the UA's storied football program, Dr. Witt laid out a strategy of increasing enrollment by forty percent, raising faculty and staff salaries, boosting financial aid to students, and upgrading and expanding university facilities.

His record of growth in Tuscaloosa was truly unprecedented.

During his tenure as president, The University of Alabama established the tremendously successful University Honors College and hired head football coach Nick Saban.

And under Dr. Witt's leadership, total enrollment at the Tuscaloosa campus increased from fewer than 20,000 students to more than 31,000 students. Today, total enrollment at the Tuscaloosa campus exceeds 33,000 students and The University of Alabama is ranked first in the nation among public, flagship universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars.

Along with the student population, Bryant-Denny Stadium was expanded during Dr. Witt's presidency, from 84,000 to 101,821 seats, and now sports three more national championship title flags.

Under his guidance, The University of Alabama campus has also seen \$1.5 billion in new construction and has expanded by 168 acres with the purchase of the historic Bryce Hospital property.

Dr. Witt began his distinguished 36-year higher education career in the state of Texas in 1968, joining the business school faculty at University of Texas at Austin. He was named the Zale Corporation Centennial Professor in Business in 1983 and bestowed the Mortimer Centennial Professorship in Business two years later. After rising through the ranks as chair and associate dean, Dr. Witt was named dean of the business school in 1985. He was elected president of University of Texas at Arlington in 1995 and served until 2003.

Dr. Robert Witt received his B.A. in economics from Bates College, his M.B.A. from Tuck School at Dartmouth College, and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. In 2011, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

As the Chancellor of the University of Alabama School System, Dr. Witt works closely with UA President Judith L. Bonner, UAB President Ray L. Watts and UAH President Ralph A. Altenkirch to constantly raise the bar of expectations by providing the taxpayers of Alabama with a first-class educational experience.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Witt as he marks his decade of service at The University of Alabama system, and wish him, and his lovely wife, Sandee, all the best.

HONORING THE 2013 CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTESTANTS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2013 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Forty-nine young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Samantha Kutnik from Boonton High School for her pen, ink, and colored pencil entitled, "Breathe." Second place was awarded to Antonia Chan from Chatham High School for her acrylic entitled, "The Companion." Third place was awarded to James Quinn from Pequannock Township High School for his markers entitled, "The Whale."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Kayla Stammer from Boonton High School for her

copper and mixed media entitled, "Poseidon's Menagerie," John Lu from Hanover Park High School for his acrylic entitled, "Power to the People," Austin Dimare from Morris Catholic High School for his charcoal entitled, "The Coming Home" and Amanda Green from Pequannock Township High School for her oil pastel entitled, "Into the Woods."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official record.

Boonton High School: Samantha Kutnik "Breathe;" Franchesca Lebrun "Freedom;" Diana Lin "Humble Life;" Kayla Stammer "Poseidon's Menagerie."

Chatham High School: Olivia Quinn Antao "Hip;" Antonia Chan "The Companion;" Megan Gesell "Crochet Blankets;" Nina Krill "Reflection."

Delbarton School: Austin Crann "Rockefeller Plaza;" Nicole Okomuro "The Panda Family;"

Hanover Park High School: John Lu "Power to the People;" Abby Prokop "Grandpa, My American Hero."

James Caldwell High School: Tina Janulis "Manhattan Moment."

Livingston High School: Michelle Bao "Forever Unchanged;" Rebecca Popper "A Diamond in a Rhinestone World;" Emma Siegel "Prague Guard Illusion;" Christina Torrens "Enigma."

Madison High School: Teri Minogue "What is Family?"

Montville High School: Caitlyn Corradino "Alex;" Halli Goldsmith "Boonton Railroad;" Danielle Margiotta "Promiscuous;" Kyuri Park "Reflection."

Morris Catholic High School: Kristen Cregg "Papa's Flag;" Austin Dimare "The Coming Home;" Michael Giostra "M&M Restoration."

Morris Knolls High School: Victoria Chebisev "Searching for Alaska;" Camille Chow "Collarbones;" Lianna Rubinaccio "Chained."

Morristown High School: Marissa Miyashiro "Secrets;" Laura Wills "Rumors."

Nutley High School: Alexandre Beaufort "Journey through the Mind;" Yuko Okabe "Violinist;" Olivia Russell "Grunge Self Portrait;" Tyler Schoeber "Robinson."

Parsippany Christian School: Jessica Carducci "Scarlet Fever;" Nicholas McMillen "Playtime;" Theodore Stiles "Table Set."

Parsippany Hills High School: Yuchien "Bettina" Chou "Light Market."

Passaic Valley High School: Michele Lameiras "Imagination Takes Flight;" Taylor Panas "Eye Can See It, Can You?;" Challice Zaleski "Confusions and Questions of a Teenage Girl."

Pequannock High School: Amanda Green "Into the Woods;" Meghan Hallisey "Soaring Bones;" James Quinn "The Whale;" Angelika Stefanides "Always and Forever."

Randolph High School: Kyna Horten "Reso;" Madeline Klingeman "Surrender Imagination;" Josh Lane "Urban Belief;" Kelly Mulligan "Conch."

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on April 11, I missed rollcall votes numbered 97, 98, and 99 because I was at the White House on official business.

Rollcall No. 97 was a vote on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 98 was a vote on agreeing to H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 99 was a vote on Approving the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING SECRETARY MARY SELECKY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Mary Selecky, the Washington State Secretary of Health, on her retirement.

Secretary Selecky has served three governors since first being appointed Acting Secretary by Gov. Gary Locke in October 1998. Her nearly fifteen years as Washington's Secretary of Health make her one of the longest-serving state health leaders in the country.

Before being named Secretary, Selecky was the administrator for the Northeast Tri County Health District in Washington for nearly 20 years and 2013 marks her 38th year in public service.

During her time as Secretary, she has served the public through trying times, including the Nisqually earthquake, the days following 9/11, bioterrorism threats, and outbreaks of mad cow disease and whooping cough. With her staff, she has helped make the Puget Sound cleaner and shellfish safer. She has also worked to make the Washington State Department of Health a trusted, credible source of health information, and has helped to develop one of the strongest local-state public health relationships in the nation.

Secretary Selecky has made it her mission to implement a preventative health care program in our state that is effective and which can serve as a model for the nation. Under Selecky's leadership, Washington's adult smoking rate has dropped 30 percent and youth smoking rates are down by half. Childhood vaccination rates are also the highest in years. It is clear that Selecky's work will ripple