

(USLEAP), Stephen served as Executive Director, working to protect the rights of working people across Latin America. His work has been enormously influential on U.S. policy toward Guatemala, Colombia, Honduras, and Mexico. He gave workers throughout Latin America a voice in Washington. By bringing delegations of workers to Congress, most recently a representative from Colombia who came to my office, he presented a powerful and personal call for justice, putting a human face on the need for action.

Stephen touched many lives through his work for worker justice, including mine. He recognized the dignity of work and the need to provide fair and respectful treatment for working men and women throughout the world, but particularly in Central America. He called on all of us to care for each other and to commit ourselves to improving the lives of people who we may never meet but who deserve our attention. Stephen was a real leader but, more importantly, he made leaders of others.

We are still reeling from Stephen's loss—but we are also even more committed to following his legacy. My heart and my prayers go out to his loving wife, Kim, herself a faithful champion of working families, his sons Eric and Benjamin, and to the rest of his family and his multitude of friends.

HONORING MANUEL LOPEZ

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator, who retired after more than 25 years of outstanding service to our county.

Manuel was born in Pacoima (Los Angeles County) and was raised in Selma (Fresno County). After graduating from Selma high school, Manuel joined the Air Force for four years. Immediately after he was discharged, he worked for the California Department of Water Resources but left the job to attend Fresno City College on the G.I. Bill, where he subsequently earned a Civil Engineering degree from Fresno State. While attending Fresno State, he was involved with a group of students associated with the Fresno area "War on Poverty" and was a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Manuel's first professional job was with Tulare County, and then the City of Fresno, where he ultimately became the Deputy City Engineer.

Shortly after he started working at the City of Fresno, Manuel, together with several friends, started The Del Rey Y's Men Club in Del Rey, California—a branch of the National YMCA. The Club mentored boys from 12 to 18 years of age on how to act responsibly and how to be involved in the community.

Manuel and his wife, Sylvia, moved to Ripon in San Joaquin County in 1985, when he was appointed the Assistant Public Works Director. He concurrently served as the Interim City of Lathrop Engineer, when the City was formed in 1989. From 1991 to 1998, he served on the City of Ripon Economic Development Committee, twice as Chairman. In 1999, he served as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the

American Public Works Association. Subsequently, in March 2000, Manuel was appointed the County Public Works Director. Just as he started to enjoy that role, in July 2001, the Board of Supervisors appointed him as the interim County Administrator and appointed him on a permanent basis in November. His nearly 12 years in this position is longer than any of his predecessors.

Over the years, Manuel has been recognized for serving on the following associations and organizations: American Public Works Association, where he served as the Sacramento Chapter President in 1999; County Engineer's Association of California (CEAC); County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC); Ripon Economic Development Committee, where he served as Chairman in 1993; San Joaquin Engineer's Council; Chairman San Joaquin March of Dimes Fund Drive; and the San Joaquin County Historical Society.

Manuel and Sylvia have been married for 38 years and have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending San Joaquin County Administrator Mr. Manuel Lopez after numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATHAN DOWNS ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nathan Downs of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Nathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nathan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Otsego High School in Tontogany, Ohio, Nathan was president of the Student Council and vice-president of Otsego's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Nathan was a member of his school's football, basketball, and baseball teams; earned varsity letters in those sports, as well as being nominated team captain for the baseball and football teams. In addition, Nathan volunteered his time to his community by volunteering for youth sport camps. I am confident that Nathan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nathan Downs on the offer of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nathan will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAGGIE MORGAN BEING AWARDED THE TAYLOR MEDAL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Miss Maggie Morgan, who on April 11th received a Taylor Medal from the University of Mississippi.

Maggie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary H. Morgan. She attended The Donoho School in Anniston, Alabama. After graduating in 2009, she went on to attend the University of Mississippi, and this May, she will graduate as an Honors Scholar with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Chemistry.

During her time at the University of Mississippi, Maggie has set a standard of excellence in her academics. The Taylor Medal, which she was awarded, is the highest academic honor awarded by the University of Mississippi. To be eligible for this award, a student must have a grade point average of 3.9 or higher and exhibit exceptional scholarship in one field of study combined with superior academic work in all other subjects.

Upon her graduation from the University of Mississippi, Maggie plans to attend the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Maggie on her academic achievements and wishing her luck in all of her future endeavors.

SPRINGFIELD HISTORY MUSEUM
ON THE SQUARE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Springfield Missouri's "History Museum on the Square."

The new History Museum on the Square encompasses several historic buildings that are being renovated to offer the community state-of-the-art exhibits in over 55,000 square feet, including the historic Fox Theatre. The museum houses a collection of over 100,000 artifacts, including 40,000 historic photographs.

The artifacts and exhibits showcase Springfield's prominent past, which includes the Battle of Wilson's Creek, a shootout in the town square involving Wild Bill Hickok, and the development of Route 66 through the heart of the city.

The new exhibit that opens on April 28 features "Woodruff's Dream: The Mother Road

through Springfield—The Route 66 Exhibit,” which explores the impact of Route 66 on the Springfield community and will feature never-before-seen items and photographs.

The Museum on the Square is a great way to restore and transform the beautiful historic buildings throughout the square. By offering these new interactive exhibits, the museum has created an exciting way for visitors to explore Springfield's past.

I want to congratulate the Museum for its creative efforts, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

HONORING NAN SCHNEIDER

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory and legacy of Nan Schneider, who passed away on Monday, April 15, 2013 in her hometown of Westchester. Nan was born on November 6, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Shel and Pris Siegel. Nan was a loving and witty woman that could put a smile on any face. In order to practice medicine, her father moved his family to California. Through a mutual friend, Nan met the love of her life, Denny, on a blind date. It was love at first sight. They had two wonderful children, Beth and Aaron.

Nan was a woman who saw the beauty in everything and translated it into art. She was also an advocate for education. She volunteered to make Westchester Neighborhood School the best private school in the area. She also spent twenty years volunteering with in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) at Westchester High in order to, as she said, “fix things.” Her attitude said it all: she would always tell her husband, “I’m not going to ask permission to make it right. If the District doesn’t like it they’ll call me and tell me to stop.” That same passion and drive carried her into Los Angeles politics.

Nan and Denny were no strangers to the concerns of Los Angeles. For 18 years, they fought the expansion of the Los Angeles International Airport into their community. As my colleagues from Los Angeles will testify, Nan and Denny were a force to be reckoned with. Nan also volunteered often for my father, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

I was privileged to have called Nan a friend and I will always have fond memories. Her legacy will always be remembered in Los Angeles and in my heart. Nan Schneider is survived by her husband, Denny, her sister, Linda (Bob), her children, Beth (Jeff), and Aaron (Julie), and her grandchildren, Lily and Penny, for whom she cared so much. She will be missed by her friends and loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MR. STEPHEN STRASSLER, CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE TO NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen Strassler, a business owner in New Jersey. His firm, Reviva Labs has been a successful job creator in New Jersey's first district for 40 years.

Reviva Labs has been giving back to the South Jersey community for 40 years by providing health and skin care to men and women from around the world. As part of his commitment to community service, Mr. Strassler has generously donated skin care protection aids to a variety of organizations, including the U.S. military. Mr. Strassler sent Vitamin E sticks to Iraq, so our brave men and women could protect their eyes and lips in the harsh environment.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment to community service of Mr. Stephen Strassler should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our profound gratitude and thanks for Mr. Strassler as he prepares to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his outstanding firm, Reviva Labs.

DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SIXTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker today I stand to recognize the 16th anniversary of The Dominican Medical Association. An organization dedicated to providing information on disease prevention, education, and counseling to New York City communities.

The Dominican Medical Association or DMA was founded on April 26, 1997, by a group of physicians from the Dominican Republic. Their mission has been to educate communities on health issues and to assist newly arrived physicians from abroad in obtaining jobs in their respected fields, providing them with the tools needed to pass the medical boards, and integrating them into the local medical community.

Last year was one of multiple accomplishments for the Dominican Medical Association. In line with its mission a total of 1119 people were served through health fairs, medical conferences, forums, symposiums, and trainings. The vast majority served through the DMA are Hispanics living throughout all of New York's boroughs.

Information and knowledge on health is vital. My beloved village of Harlem and many areas of my district are predominately inhabited by minorities who have been affected by many health concerns that are the direct result of lack of knowledge on preventative care. Obesity is just an example of one of the diseases that has plagued our communities but it is an epidemic that can be * * *

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent tragic events in Massachusetts, I was absent for a series of five votes on April 18, 2013. Should I have been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote 113; yes on vote 114; yes on vote 115; and yes on vote 116. I share many of the concerns about privacy raised by a number of my colleagues during that debate, and I would have opposed rollcall vote 117, final passage of H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE OTTAWA-GLANDORF TITANS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school basketball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Ottawa-Glandorf High School boys basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division III State Boys Basketball Title.

In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division III State Basketball Playoffs, the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans defeated the Versailles Tigers to win their third state basketball championship and make their sixth appearance at the state basketball tournament. In winning the Division III Boys Basketball State Championship, the members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. As a direct consequence of their hard work and dedication on and off the court, their accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Ottawa-Glandorf High School boys basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THAT ACT TO AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, I submit for introduction this legislation to amend