

Mr. Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Randal Strickland. May God continue to bless all of his loved ones, and may we all strive to carry on his ministry and good work.

HONORING MAYOR TERRY YORKE  
LAROIX, JR.

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Alameda's first elected mayor, the Honorable Terry Yorke LaCroix, Jr. Born and raised in the City of Alameda, Mayor LaCroix was known for his love of the community and volunteered countless hours to public service. His strong leadership bolstered Alameda and the surrounding community during crucial transitions, and even times of tragedy. With his passing on March 19, 2013, we look to Mayor LaCroix's legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on October 24, 1924 to Vivian and Terry LaCroix, Sr., he attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Alameda High School before leaving to serve in World War II. In the U.S. Army Air Corps, he trained on C-47s, served as a flight engineer, and flew in the China-Burma-India theatre.

After marrying the love of his life, Patricia ("Patty"), in 1947, the couple settled in Alameda where they raised six daughters. During his early career working as a manager at Alameda's Del Monte plant and, later, over the course of a long career as a banking executive, Terry LaCroix became deeply involved with civic life.

As an Alameda City Councilmember from 1963 to 1969, Terry gained the trust and respect of colleagues and community members alike. And, in 1969, he became Alameda's first elected mayor, serving the City dutifully until 1975. As Mayor, he proudly defeated a 1972 proposal called "Southern Crossing," which would have built a bridge linking the idyllic island community to San Francisco. In another bid to preserve Alameda's traditional infrastructure, Mayor LaCroix limited building construction and housing density to combat overdevelopment.

On February 7, 1973, Mayor LaCroix was faced with public tragedy when a U.S. Navy aircraft accidentally collided with an Alameda apartment building, killing the pilot and 10 bystanders and causing a fire that damaged the area. His leadership in guiding first responders and community assistance, as well as easing relations between local residents and the naval air station, helped pave way for the process of healing.

Among his many other distinctions and community associations, Terry LaCroix served as Chairman of Alameda County Criminal Justice Planning Board, President of the Mayor's and Councilmen's League of California Cities, President of Kiwanis Club, Chairman of Alameda Park and Recreation Department, and on the Board of Directors of Providence Hospital (now Summit Medical Center in Oakland).

Together, he and his wife enjoyed sailing, traveling, and volunteering—providing their services at Redding, California's Mercy Med-

ical Center and on the Board of Trustees well into retirement. A man of great faith, Terry also served as a Eucharistic minister and as chairman for many annual fundraisers at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding. He was a loving grandfather to ten and a great-grandfather to three great-granddaughters.

Today, we mourn the loss of a community stalwart and a respected leader who helped shape the City of Alameda and the surrounding area during his political career. Mayor Terry Yorke LaCroix, Jr., leaves behind a strong legacy of character, integrity, and love for his community. I offer my sincerest condolences to his surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his long and fruitful life. He will be deeply missed.

U.S. PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT AID  
INTERNET CENSORSHIP

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, about 2 billion people in the world regularly communicate or get information on the Internet. Well over half a billion people of these people do so in repressive countries. As the Internet use has become a vital and even the standard means to disseminate beliefs, ideas and opinions, so we see a growing number of countries that censor or conduct surveillance on the Internet, in conflict with internationally recognized human rights laws and standards.

The Internet, in many countries, has been transformed from a freedom plaza to big brother's best friend. The technologies to track, monitor, block, filter, trace, remove, attack, hack, and remotely take over internet activity, content and users has exploded. Many of these technologies are made in the U.S.A. Many of them have important and legitimate law-enforcement applications. But, sadly, many of them are also being exported, every day, to some of the most unsavory governments in the world—whose use of them is far from legitimate. Every day we learn about more activists being arrested through the use of newly-developed technologies—much of it American technology—in China, Belarus, Egypt, Syria and many other countries around the world. The stakes are life and death for online democracy activists, and they deserve our support and protection.

We only have to look around the globe at Belarus, Iran, China, and Vietnam to see horrific examples of the internet gone wrong. I have introduced the Global Online Freedom Act of 2013 (GOFA), H.R. 491, that addresses this fundamental threat to the democracy activists abroad.

GOFA requires the State Department to beef up its reporting on Internet freedom in the annual Country Report on Human Rights Practices, and to identify by name Internet-restricting countries. This country designation will be useful not only in a diplomatic context in helping to advance Internet freedom through naming and shaming countries, but will also provide U.S. technology companies with the information they need in deciding how to engage in repressive foreign countries.

And GOFA addresses what Google's Eric Schmidt calls the "dark side" of the digital rev-

olution. This bill will prohibit the export of hardware or software that can be used for surveillance, tracking and blocking to the governments of Internet-restricting countries. Current export control laws do not take into account the human rights impact of these exports and therefore do not create any incentive for U.S. companies to evaluate their role in assisting repressive regimes. GOFA will not only help stop the sale of these items to repressive governments, but will create an important foreign policy stance for the United States that will help ensure that dissidents abroad know we are on their side, and that U.S. businesses are not profiting from this repression.

This export control law is long overdue, and thoroughly consistent with the approach Congress has taken, for example, in restricting exports of certain crime control equipment to China. It makes no sense for us to allow U.S. companies to sell technologies of repression to dictators, and then turn around and have to spend millions of dollars to develop and deploy circumvention tools and other technologies to help protect dissidents from the very technologies that U.S. companies exported to their persecutors.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the United States has a unique role to play in preserving online freedom; and export controls can send a strong message to repressive governments that the Internet must not become a tool of repression.

HONORING GRANT DONOVAN  
EDWARD DOUGLAS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant Donovan Edward Douglas. Donovan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Donovan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Donovan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Donovan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Donovan painted and remodeled the foyer of the Macon Presbyterian Church in Macon, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant Donovan Edward Douglas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MADAHÍ CABRERA-MARQUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Madahí Cabrera-Marquez for receiving the Arvada

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Madahi Cabrera-Marquez is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Madahi Cabrera-Marquez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Madahi Cabrera-Marquez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. This yearly commemoration is a testament to the lives and legacy of the 1.5 million Armenians who lost their lives, and is emblematic of our commitment to keeping the Armenian nation and culture alive.

Today, as we revisit this dark period in world history, we must be mindful of the lessons learned from this tragedy. We have witnessed that blind hatred and senseless prejudice tear at the very fabric of our society, even today. The victims of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, ethnic cleansings in Kosovo, Rwanda, and Sudan, and acts of vicious terrorism remind us of the human cost of hate. We must do everything in our power to prevent these kinds of senseless tragedies from happening again.

We remember the past and pledge our support for ensuring a positive and secure future for the Armenian nation and its people. Armenians now live all around the world, including many in my District and throughout the United States. As the Ranking Member of the House State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I support our yearly package of assistance to Armenia, including funds available for activities that further a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. I have also cosponsored legislation calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights violations and the ethnic cleansing during the Armenian Genocide. Finally, as an active member of the Armenian Caucus, it is my pleasure to continue working on behalf of the U.S.-Armenia relationship in Congress.

In honoring the memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, we must commit to building a strong, prosperous, and stable Armenia. I am proud to be a partner in this effort and thank my colleagues who have also pledged their support.

#### DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SIXTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 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 stopped and the DMA works tirelessly and has worked for quite some time to be a part of this movement to get our communities on a healthy track. The DMA's outreach programs help to enlighten our communities, helping them to make better health conscious decisions about the way they live.

As the representative to the largest Dominican population in the country it gives me great pride to see a thriving organization not only rooted in that heritage but one that works to provide information for a predominantly Hispanic demographic. The youths of my district and those all over New York have a brighter future because of organizations like the DMA and their mission to spread knowledge and awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable organization and all of the good that they do.

#### LINH HOANG

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Linh Hoang for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Linh Hoang is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and re-

ceived this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Linh Hoang is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Linh Hoang for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### NEOSHO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING—MISSOURI CLASS 3 STATE CHAMPIONS

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Neosho High School wrestling team for winning the Missouri Class 3 State Championship.

Their win is the third state wrestling title in four years, which is a remarkable feat. They showed grit and determination throughout the season, and they came from behind to win the title once again. Members of the team include: Kyler Rea, John Williams, River Buttram, Dakota McGarran, Nate Rodriguez, Jason Box, Kyle Hostetter, Sam Williams, Chance Branstetter, Jacob Brock, Ben Elledge, Christian Lopez, Aaron Clardy; and managers Emily Massey, Raegan Kibler, Madyson Reiboldt, and Macy Smith.

I want to recognize Christian Lopez for winning the individual title in his weight class. With the team championship on the line, it was his win that gave his team the points they needed for victory. It was a commanding performance under pressure.

I also want to congratulate senior Nate Rodriguez for winning the individual title in his weight class. The four-time Academic All-State student finished his high school career with three state championships and a final record of 210–13, which places Nate as Missouri's all-time career record holder, which is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The coaching staff, which includes Head Coach Jeremy Phillips, Assistant Coaches Cody Crocker, Josh Sonis, Brett Watkins, and Tyler Gordon, Volunteer Assistant Brandon Russow, and Trainer James Bolin, has developed a powerhouse wrestling program, and they should be commended on an amazing accomplishment and a job well done.

The team, with the help of its coaches and the support of their families and community, persevered through the turmoil of the season and the trials of the state championships. Together, they grew as individuals and as a team, and their successes show what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and belief.