

four-year scholarship for a deserving T.C. Williams High School graduate entering a college in an aviation degree program; and in 2011 the Veteran's Airlift Command was added as an additional benefactor.

Mr. Speaker, as a fellow Kentuckian I am honored and proud to commend Mr. Bollinger for a quarter century of heroic, selfless and successful service to thousands of deserving people. In their names I wish to publicly thank you, Bo, on behalf of all the people whose lives you have enhanced.

RECOGNIZING BERNARD GRAY ON HIS ENLISTMENT INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bernard Gray, a senior at Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Florida. Bernard is a fine young man, who has compiled a very good academic record at Glades Central, and will be graduating later this month. He has proudly chosen to enlist in the United States Army.

I want to congratulate Bernard on his decision to serve his country. It is thanks to the dedication of fine individuals such as him, that we are able to meet here in the House of Representatives, and openly debate and legislate on the many issues facing our nation.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard Gray is a selfless and courageous individual. I am certain that he will make us proud with his service. We owe him, as well as all the men and women in uniform an enormous debt of gratitude.

HONORING JOSEPH W. MAHONEY, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great Philadelphian whom we mourn today. Joe Mahoney, Jr. was a man that everyone called a friend. As Executive Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Joe was the face of Philadelphia business. He was an eloquent and passionate advocate for the entire business community. But small business was his special love. He and his best friend, his bride Pat, owned a small business themselves. He personally understood the joys and challenges of building and maintaining an enterprise.

There are many adjectives you can use when you talk about Joe. Smart, dedicated, energetic, diplomatic, charming, and knowledgeable are just a few. But the fact that he and Pat were true partners in every sense tells you all that you really need to know. They worked together in support of our region, their alma mater, St. Joseph's University, and in support of local charity. That's the kind of guy Joe was.

Joe was especially gifted in the field of government relations. He worked equally well with

Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. He was at home in the Halls of Congress, the State Legislature, and City Hall. He understood and respected both the executive and legislative branches, as well as business, labor, and the non-profit centers. He worked as well in New Jersey and Delaware as he did in Pennsylvania. He was liked and respected in all of the region's counties. Joe understood how all the pieces fit together to form the complex mosaic that is the Delaware Valley. His life made that mosaic more beautiful. His loss leaves it less so.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to say that I knew Joe. I'm even more honored to say that Joe knew me. He was a friend to all. We all grieve his passing, even as we celebrate his life. I am sure that all of my colleagues join me in expressing our condolences to his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARISSA FROST

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate 8th grader Marissa Frost of Urbandale Middle School for being named Iowa's state winner in the Doodle 4 Google art competition.

The Doodle 4 Google competition is held annually by Google and invites students from across the country to use their artistic talents and creativity to redesign Google's homepage themes, which appear on millions of computers across the globe. The nationwide winner is also awarded a scholarship worth \$30,000 and the winner's school will receive a \$50,000 technology grant to establish or improve a computer lab or technology program.

Marissa titled her doodle 'Discover' and portrays her response to the 2013 Doodle 4 Google theme "My Best Day Ever. . ." Her artwork is one of only 50 pieces that have been selected from across the country and was selected by a panel of Google employees for its artistic merit, creativity, and communication of the competition's theme. Marissa's doodle is now displayed in an online gallery where she will compete to be named a national finalist. Representing Iowa in this national competition is an extraordinary reflection of Marissa's talents and artistic ability.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Marissa from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her for this achievement, and I wish Miss Frost the best of luck in the remainder of the competition and with her future studies.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 375TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and much appreciation that I rise today

to join my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut in commemoration of the City's 375th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for a very special community. Today, hundreds are gathered not only to pay tribute to our past but to celebrate the unique blend of cultures, traditions, and history that has made our City so strong.

The story of New Haven is the story of America. It was on April 24, 1638, that a group of five hundred English Puritans, led by Reverend John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton and in search of a place where "the word of God shall be the only rule," sailed into the harbor. Upon their arrival they soon met with a local Native American tribe, the Quinnpiack, whose leader, Momauguin, agreed to sell the tribe's land in exchange for the settlers' protection from neighboring raiding bands and the use of the lands east of the harbor. In just two short years a government had been established and the settlement, based on a grid of nine squares with the central square as the public common or Green, was flourishing. In 1784, New Haven was incorporated as a city and Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was elected its first mayor.

The history of New Haven is in fact a reflection of our nation's great history. It was in New Haven in 1775, the day after Lexington and Concord, or as we call it Powder House Day, that Benedict Arnold demanded the keys to the local powder house so that patriots could use it in defense of the colonies. It was in New Haven, that Eli Whitney developed the cotton gin and interchangeable parts revolutionizing the manufacturing industry and revitalizing the American economy. It was in New Haven that a group of African Mendi Warriors, led by Cinque Pieh and marooned aboard the Spanish schooner *Amistad*, won a court battle and were able to return to their homeland—an important triumph of the anti-slavery movement. In the 19th century, New Haven was the center of the carriage industry as well as the oyster capitol of the world. New Haven is home to the prestigious Yale University—an institution that has educated three of our last four presidents and three of our current Supreme Court justices.

New Haven, like so many other communities across our nation, also has a rich immigrant story—the story of the American dream. Our City may be most well known for its Italian and fish communities, but we have also become home to a number of other immigrant groups including those from Eastern Europe and Ecuador. As is the same story in so many other communities, these immigrant groups faced all kinds of challenges and obstacles. Through those struggles they stuck together, they established organizations to help re-create a little bit of the Old Country, and to honor the values of family and community we all hold dear—they made New Haven their home.

With such a rich history, the bonds of our community are strong. Born and raised in the Wooster Square neighborhood, wherever I go in this world, it is always with me. That is New Haven—and that is why I am so proud to rise today to say Happy 375th Birthday New Haven.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHARON
ROOT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon M. Root, D.P.M., FACFAOM as she is recognized by fellow colleagues at the 64th Annual American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Region 3 Scientific Meeting. Dr. Root's dedication to her profession and her selfless actions outside of the office are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Sharon Root graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Previously, she completed Biological Sciences and Pre-medical studies at Rutgers University—Newark and earned her Associate in Applied Science Degree and was a Highest Honors Graduate in Nursing at County College of Morris. She completed her residency in Podiatric Surgery at The Bryn Mawr Hospital in 1993 and currently practices in Succasunna, New Jersey.

Throughout her career, Dr. Root has been a member of several professional organizations. She is a current New Jersey Delegate to the APMA House of Representatives and serves on the Resolutions Committee and Elections Committee. In addition, Dr. Root was president of the New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society for the 2006–2007 year and held many other positions within the Society, including Advisor of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Chair of the Carrier Advisory Committee.

Dr. Root is also a dedicated physician outside of the office. On March 16, 2012, while at dinner in Washington, DC, Dr. Root performed the Heimlich maneuver on another diner, Maryland psychologist Dr. Ellen Lent, who was choking. Dr. Root's quick actions saved Dr. Lent's life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Sharon Root on her many professional accomplishments and thanking her for her actions to save another life.

WALNUT GROVE LADY TIGERS
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 1 Girls State Championship.

The Lady Tigers clinched the title with a thrilling finish, making a free throw with 1 second left for a final score of 47–46. Members of the team include Miranda Allison, Audree Crain, Carrigan Comstock, Ellen Hayter, Heather Harman, Lexi Harman, Shelby Harman, Megan Shuler, Madisyn Freeze, and Karsyn Hejna.

Through their hard work and dedication on and off the court, the Lady Tigers developed into a truly great championship team. The Lady Tigers ended the season 30–2, which set a school record for most wins in a season.

I also want to commend Head Coach Rory Henry and Assistant Coaches Deidre Parks and Jeff Cope for a job well-done on developing such a strong basketball program.

The Walnut Grove community is justifiably proud of this extraordinary group of young and talented student-athletes. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers as they celebrate their Class 1 Girls State Championship.

HONORING NATIONAL MEDAL WINNERS OF THE SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS OF 2013

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a number of talented and dedicated high school students from my Congressional District who have won National Medals from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2013. The Scholastic Awards are the largest, longest-running scholarship and recognition program for creative teens and are presented annually by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. These talented students are creative thinkers that will lead our nation into the future and I am so proud to recognize them today.

I am honored to represent Long Island and Queens which are home to many top notch schools with dedicated teachers guiding talented young students to success. Specifically, I want to recognize the following students that I have the honor to represent here in Congress: Megan Basaldua of Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School; Michela Bentel of the Choate Rosemary Hall; Lindsay Bu of Stuyvesant High School; Max Carol of Syosset Senior High School; Michelle Chen of Hunter College High School; Soohyun Cho, Seungeun Ha and Min Soo Kim of Oogie Art; Yirang Choe of Ashcan Studio Art; Alexandra Deplas, Megan Fox, Lauren Goldstein and Danielle Pestynier of Jericho Senior High School; Patrick Fahey of Manhasset Secondary School; Meagan Fontanes, Brianna Martin and Julia Tannenbaum of Northport Senior High School; Samantha Rose Klainberg and Kaiqi Zhu of Great Neck South High School; and Nicole Lee of High School Art & Design.

Only 1,900 works of art and writing, from the initial pool of 230,000 submissions, earned a National Medal. These students and their teachers should be commended for excelling and achieving such great success. They will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, May 31. Artwork from the award-winning students will be featured in an exhibition at Parsons The New School for Design and the Pratt Manhattan Gallery. A selection of students receiving awards for writing will have their work published in the annual anthology *The Best Teen Writing of 2013*.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to applaud the families, teachers and students that have made these achievements possible. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending you for all of your successes and I look forward to seeing your continued contribution to the arts.

A TRIBUTE TO CRAIG AND
SHIRLEY PHINNEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Craig and Shirley Phinney for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

The lives of Craig and Shirley Phinney changed forever one Friday evening in 2009 when Craig, a police officer and military veteran, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. After seeing the struggles and sacrifices of other cancer patients firsthand, the Phinneys started the Cops Against Cancer organization to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families that are burdened by the unexpected and overwhelming expenses associated with cancer treatments. Craig and Shirley's organization assists with costs that are not typically covered by insurance, such as lodging and travel expenses for medical appointments, specialized treatments, and various monthly home expenses. Cops Against Cancer has assisted more than 125 families in 41 of Iowa's 99 counties, seven families outside of the state, and even a family as far away as Quebec, Canada. In one particular instance, the organization was able to help absorb the travel costs of a 72-year-old patient who had to travel 80 miles one-way for treatment because her local medical facility had been damaged by a tornado. In addition to their financial assistance, Craig and Shirley also provide the families and medical staffs of patients with their personal phone numbers to be able to assist at any hour of the day or night. The Phinneys' commitment to "protect and serve" their community is present in all facets of their lives, and it truly embodies what it means to be a hero. These wonderful Iowans have set a shining example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Phinneys' actions that earned them each the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Craig and Shirley on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.