

made her a well-known figure in San Diego and, most recently, recognized by the government of Japan.

On May 15, Ms. Bishop will receive the country's most prestigious decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, with Gold and Silver Rays, for her contributions to promoting the regional relationship between Japan and the United States. Established in 1875, the Order of the Rising Sun is the Japanese government's oldest decoration.

Born in Nagoya, Japan, Kaneko Bishop moved to San Diego in 1972 and has since then made countless contributions to the Japanese-American community. She is the President of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society. After the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, she led a fundraising effort that resulted in more than \$10,000 for relief efforts. Our friends in Yokohama have also noted her tireless work. In 2003, when the wildfires ravaged in San Diego, it is no doubt that because of the good will and relationship she fostered, the Mayor of Yokohama led a campaign that raised \$17,000 for relief efforts here at home.

Her life's work exemplifies what it means to promote mutual understanding and friendship between countries. As someone who has spent some time in Japan, it gives me tremendous pride to see such unwavering dedication to fostering cross-cultural understanding. Our communities are all the more better because of it, and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Kaneko Oshima Bishop on receiving this prestigious honor.

HONORING OUR NATION'S TEACHERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, May 6–10 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and I rise today to honor teachers all across America.

My husband, Dean, is a teacher, and I see firsthand every day the love and dedication that go into teaching. By investing in the lives of our children and educating the next generation, our educators are ensuring a bright future for our nation.

Behind every successful adult is an even more successful teacher. Each Member of Congress would not be here today if we did not have teachers who invested in us, and I am sure each of us remembers a favorite teacher who made learning fun and empowered us to chase our dreams. As the first person in my family to attend college, I know firsthand the value of hard work and a quality education.

I am proud of the excellent, dedicated teachers we have in the State of Indiana, and I am grateful for their commitment to our children. To all the teachers in Indiana and across America, thank you for all you do for this nation and for the next generation. You are an inspiration to us all.

HONORING DIAGÉT MILLER

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor Diagét Miller, a Sprayberry High School student from Kennesaw, Georgia, and founder of Diagét Design Studio. Diagét was recently recognized as one of the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) 2013 Young Entrepreneur Award winners.

It is a great source of pride to see one of the young people in Georgia's 11th District being nationally recognized for such focused ambition and willingness to take risk. It is this kind of initiative that truly embodies the American dream.

Diagét founded her design studio at the young age of 14 after realizing her talent for digital art when helping her mother design brochures. Since then, her company has grown, attracting business state-wide.

The yearly NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award is selected by an independent committee comprised of educators and small business leaders who not only evaluate applicants based on the quality of their businesses, but on their academic records, leadership qualities, and overall character.

As one of this year's deserving winners, Diagét's prize will include a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation, which she will put toward her education and goal of someday becoming an anesthesiologist.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate Diagét Miller on her tremendous success as an entrepreneur and wish her luck in all of her endeavors.

HONORING Nanci VANDERWEEL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant from the 6th District of Illinois. Nanci Vanderweel has dedicated her life to her community and has worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate. She serves as a role model for us all and as proof that one dedicated person can change the lives of many.

In 1971 Nanci was elected as the first female Trustee for Elk Grove Village. A position that many would view as an impressive career finale, Nanci saw as a good starting point. She went on to become a Trustee for the Elk Grove Township where she currently serves as the Supervisor, after again becoming the first woman selected for the position. In addition she serves as the President of the Supervisor's Division of the Township Officials of Cook County.

While working full time for her community, Nanci found the time to be the Chairman of the Cook County Public Aid Committee; Chairman of the Judiciary, Planning and Zoning Committee for Elk Grove Village; she started the Elk Grove Village Community Blood Drive

Program; is a Charter Member of the Friends of Harper College; served as the President of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Community Services; became a member of the United Way Needs Assessment Committee; a Unit Chair for the Salvation Army; and she chaired the referendum to assist ambulance accessibility on the I-290 interchange at Biesterfeld Road.

As if that was not enough, Nanci published a book on the History of Elk Grove Township and even started the first free library in the township, for which she received the Governor's Hometown Award. Through hard work and no small amount of perseverance, Nanci Vanderweel has helped countless people and tremendously improved her community. Distinguished Members, please join me in congratulating Nanci Vanderweel on an accomplished life, and wishing her happiness and peace in her well-earned retirement.

HONORING HELEN LUCILE FISTONICH DIMAGGIO

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my friend and lifelong San Pedro resident, Helen Lucile Fistonich DiMaggio, who passed away on April 25, 2013.

Born on June 1, 1919 to Andrew and Mary Fistonich, Helen was the eldest daughter of three siblings. An independent and fearless spirit, Helen's greatest legacy lives in her dedication to others.

As a young woman, Helen excelled at school while working in the family business, Star Fisheries. A 1937 graduate of San Pedro High School, Helen earned a full scholarship to the University of California in Los Angeles, but chose instead, like so many women of her time, to remain in the workforce. In 1938, Helen met and married the love of her life, Neno DiMaggio, second-cousin to Joe DiMaggio, one of the greatest baseball players in history. Helen became the business director of Star Fisheries, and with Neno at her side, they managed the company for more than 60 years.

Helen was an avid supporter of many local charitable organizations such as the San Pedro Peninsula Cancer Guild, Little Sisters of the Poor, Mary Star of the Sea Church, Holy Trinity Church and the Assistance League of San Pedro. In the 1990's she was recognized among the "Who's Who" in America. Recently, she was named one of San Pedro's "Living Treasures" at a ceremony commemorating the 125th anniversary of our town and the individuals who were instrumental to its history.

She will be remembered as a woman of elegance and a pillar in our community. I was privileged to have called her my friend and she will be missed by her family, friends and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the House to join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the memory of the late Helen Lucile Fistonich DiMaggio.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD J.
CLAYTON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard J. Clayton on his selection as the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2013 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Clayton's contributions to his community are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Richard Clayton grew up in Spring Lake, New Jersey, graduating from St. Catharine's School in Spring Lake and Manasquan High School. He lived in Spring Lake with his wife Linda until 1980, when they moved to nearby Manasquan where they remain today. Mr. Clayton currently serves as President and co-owner of Clayton Livery Service in Spring Lake, which his family founded in 1917.

He began working at Clayton Livery Service after completing two years of higher education at Ocean County College and began a full-time career there in 1977. In addition to his employment at the Livery Service, Mr. Clayton also spent time working at a local funeral home, which has been an asset in the advancement of the Livery Service.

Mr. Clayton is a member of the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, a member of the Spring Lake Downtown Steering Committee and Chairman of the Board of the Spring Lake Business Improvement District (BID). In addition to his role of Chairman of BID, he also serves on its Land Use Committee, Management Committee and Design Committee.

Not only is Mr. Clayton an active member of the Spring Lake business district, he is also active in the community. Together with his family, he began a LGB train display to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch and the Spring Lake Community House. Since beginning the display in their office, they have raised over \$65,000 for the charities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me once again in honoring Richard Clayton as the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2013 Citizen of the Year. His dedication and service to the Spring Lake community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN
BRANDON CYR**

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of Captain Brandon Cyr of the United States Air Force. Captain Cyr died in the Zabul province of Afghanistan when the MC-12 Liberty aircraft he was commanding crashed on April 27, 2013. He was a member of the 906th Air Refueling Squadron within the 375th Air Mobility Wing.

Captain Cyr, a former Oswego, Illinois resident, grew up in a military family. From a young age, he knew he wanted to serve his country, and in 2009 he was assigned to Scott

Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois. Over the course of his four deployments, Captain Cyr accumulated more than 1,700 hours of flight time, 900 of which were in combat. Commander Colonel David Almand, of the 375th Air Mobility Wing, called him "an outstanding pilot, and a dedicated airman."

Captain Cyr's patriotism, commitment and service are an example to us all. He made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of his friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Captain Brandon Cyr. Our thoughts are with his loved ones, especially his parents, Phillip and Debbie Cyr. He will be deeply missed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ERIE
TIMES-NEWS ON THEIR 125TH AN-
NIVERSARY**

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the Erie Times-News is celebrating its 125th anniversary of providing its readers with keen and extensive coverage of all relevant news and events.

The very first Erie Times-News newspaper was published on April 12, 1888, with the headline, "Erie's Opportunity," at the price of 2 cents per issue. Having begun in a basement with only nine employees, the paper has flourished into a well-respected company that is a staple among the Erie community.

Within the past decade, the Erie Times-News was named Pennsylvania's "Newspaper of the Year" twice. In 2012, it was honored as one of "10 Newspapers That Do It Right" by Editor & Publisher. These accomplishments attest to the outstanding reputation the Erie Times-News has achieved in outputting valuable information.

I congratulate the Erie Times-News on the 9th day of May in the year 2013. I praise the paper for its devotion to covering all major events and breaking news stories throughout the Erie region over the past 125 years. The Erie Times-News continues to be an iconic media operation and is justly valued by the communities it serves.

**HONORING ROCHESTER AREA HIGH
SCHOOLS FOR BEING NAMED
AMONG AMERICA'S BEST HIGH
SCHOOLS**

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 14 distinguished high schools in Monroe County, New York for being included in Newsweek and The Daily Beast's 2013 list of America's Best High Schools. I am honored to represent this community, which values the enrichment of a quality education and demands the best of its students, and in turn, its future workforce.

America's Best High Schools are schools that have proven to be the most effective in

turning out college-ready graduates. An astounding 14 schools from my congressional district were chosen, including: Brighton High School, Brockport High School, Churchville-Chili Central School, East Rochester Jr./Sr. High School, Eastridge High School, Fairport High School, Irondequoit High School, Penfield High School, Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, School of the Arts, Webster Thomas High School, and Webster Schroeder High School.

These remarkable schools scored at the top of the country in graduation rates, college acceptance rates, and enrollment and success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, among several other criteria. Rochester's commitment to education is truly remarkable; thanks to the dedication of the many school administrators, teachers, parents, and students who understand that a quality high school education provides a critical foundation for future opportunities and endeavors, both personal and professional.

Please join me in congratulating these 14 outstanding Rochester area high schools and let us strive to provide all children with an education of the caliber offered by these schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on May 6, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 129–131 due to illness. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

**THE OCCASION OF STAFF SER-
GEANT CHARLES L. AARON III'S
TRANSFER FROM THE UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS LIAISON
OFFICE**

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Charles L. Aaron III, U.S. Marine Corps, on the occasion of his transfer from the Marine Corps liaison office. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past three years that he has served as part of Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs and as the Congressional Liaison Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the U.S.M.C. Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Everyday he served in direct support of not only the Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs, but in support of every member of Congress. His keen abilities in organization, interpersonal relationships, and communication were extremely critical to the successful accomplishment of the Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs' mission of serving the U.S. Congress.

While serving in the Liaison office, Staff Sergeant Aaron was able to develop and execute the legislative strategy for the U.S. Marine