

Medical City in southeast Orlando. As a new medical school, the college plays a vital part in the foundation and the growth of the Medical City at Lake Nona and is strongly supported by the entire Central Florida community. UCF College of Medicine has a vision to become the nation's premier 21st century college of medicine and a national leader in medical education and research. UCF's College of Medicine empowers its students to discover their healthcare specialty of choice for their upcoming residencies and, in doing so, further prepares them to enter the healthcare profession.

I trust that the charter class of 2013 commencement will be an exciting day for the UCF community to celebrate their many exceptional accomplishments. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to congratulate President of UCF Dr. John Hitt, Dean of UCF College of Medicine Dr. Deborah German, the charter medical school graduates, and the faculty and staff of the University of Central Florida College of Medicine on this outstanding accomplishment. I wish them all great success in their future pursuits.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF MARINE CORPORAL KYLE R. SCHNEIDER

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor fallen Marine Corporal Kyle R. Schneider, who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his fellow Marines and the freedoms of the United States of America.

On December 28, 2012, President Obama signed into law H.R. 5837, legislation renaming the post office at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, in honor of Corporal Schneider.

Kyle Schneider embodied the same values that make this country extraordinary: Dedication, Honor and Pride. I am moved that the Village of Baldwinsville will have this opportunity to pay a lasting tribute to Kyle's Legacy.

Corporal Schneider was born in Syracuse and grew up in Baldwinsville, New York. Kyle was an avid athlete, playing baseball, football, and track, before graduating from C.W. Baker High School in 2006. While at Onondaga Community College, Kyle realized that he wanted to do more for his country. As a result, in March 2008, Kyle fulfilled a lifelong dream and joined the United States Marine Corps.

In January of 2011, Kyle was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the II Marine Expeditionary Force. Kyle earned many distinguished military awards while in Afghanistan including the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the NATO Medal. On June 30, 2011, Corporal Kyle R. Schneider died as a result of enemy action in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was 23.

Kyle is survived by his parents, Richard and Lorie Schneider; a brother, Kevin Schneider of Phoenix; his fiancée, Theresa Lynn Dodge of

W. Columbia, TX; his maternal grandparents, Richard and Dianne Vrotny of Baldwinsville and maternal grandfather Gary E. (Helen A.) Younis; and his paternal grandparents, Carol Schneider and John Rouselle of Central Square.

Mr. Speaker, in appreciation of this young man's love for country who gave his life protecting this great nation, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring the legacy of Marine Corporal Kyle R. Schneider.

“PREVENTING VICTIMS OF
STALKING ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, under current federal law, individuals convicted of “misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence” are disqualified from possessing firearms. This policy has proven crucial to protecting victims of domestic violence from serious injury or death.

However, many states do not define stalking as a type of domestic violence crime, allowing convicted stalkers to own and purchase firearms and leaving victims of stalking unprotected. Moreover, while federal law prohibits the sale of firearms to someone “subject to a court order restraining them from harassing, stalking or threatening an intimate partner,” not all stalkers have a romantic relationship with their victims and thus don't fall into this category. However their lack of a romantic relationship does not preclude the fact that they still pose a considerable threat to their victims.

The Protecting Victims of Stalking Act of 2013 works to remedy these gaps in federal law. All victims, whether or not they have had a romantic relationship with their stalker, should be afforded these critical protections. The Protecting Victims of Stalking Act of 2013 closes these dangerous loopholes by prohibiting the sale of firearms to any person subject to a restraining order for stalking as well as prohibiting any individual convicted of stalking from buying or possessing a firearm. Only by addressing these glaring vulnerabilities can we begin to reduce the many injuries and deaths often associated with domestic violence.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP SIMON P.
RAWLINGS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of a Kentucky native, Bishop Simon P. Rawlings. Bishop Rawlings was the Second Chief Apostle of the House of God, International, whose National Cathedral and World Headquarters are located in Lexington, my hometown and the center of the sixth Congressional District which I represent.

The House of God, International has churches in Africa, Australia, Canada, and Jamaica, but I am proud to state that the church was founded in the United States of America. Bishop R.A.R. Johnson initially founded the

“Commandment Keepers” in 1910. The doctrine evolved and the church was firmly established in 1918 as the House of God, International. The Hebrew-Pentecostal denomination is based on Old Testament law and doctrine and is enthused by the joy, fervor and zeal of Christ's New Testament of spiritual revivalism.

Bishop Rawlings was born August 2, 1914 in Stamping Ground, Kentucky. He joined the House of God at the age of 16. He later exclaimed that God sent him to Lexington to build Him a church, also giving him a higher calling as detailed in Psalms 50:5 “gather my saints together unto me, those that have made covenant with me by sacrifice.”

For 11 years he preached over the airways each Sunday night; a program that was enjoyed by many in the Christian community. With his lovely wife, Elect Lady Mary Scott Rawlings of Charlottesville, Virginia, whom he married on July 3, 1935, and other dedicated church members, Bishop Rawlings set up churches throughout the country and overseas. They built their first little church on Black Street in Lexington in 1937 and the following year they built the second church on Ash Street. In 1959, the church purchased the Chandler Arms School, a landmark of Kentucky Black history. They renovated the property. So, the next year in 1960, a host of members and friends marched from the Ash Street church to the new church at 548 Georgetown Street.

In 1947, he was ordained as a bishop. In 1950, Bishop Simon Rawlings was installed as the second Chief Apostle of the House of God, International—a position in which he humbly served for 40 years until his death on January 1, 1991. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Master's Degree from the Cooper Institute of Jacksonville, FL and a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Kentucky College of Contemporary Religion. He was very instrumental in the formation of the college and later served as its president until his death.

One of his greatest achievements was in 1987 when the church purchased the Julius Mark property, another one of Lexington's Black historical landmarks. In February 1990, Bishop Rawlings shared his vision with his wife, church and city officials, church members, and the general public at the groundbreaking ceremony of the present National Temple and World Headquarters, which is situated on that site located at 866 Georgetown Street.

During his 40 years of service as Chief Apostle and General Superintendent, and 56 years as pastor of the Lexington congregation, he held the following positions:

1. National Y.P.U. President
2. State Superintendent of Georgia
3. State Superintendent of South Carolina
4. Southern Division Superintendent
5. President of the Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass
6. Honorary Citizen of Lexington Award (1991)
7. Kentucky Colonel

Though he was in failing health, Bishop Rawlings was able to attend the pre-dedication service of the National Temple he envisioned and built. He gave his farewell sermon during the Feast of Tabernacles in October of 1990.

Sadly, Bishop Rawlings did not live to see the visionary temple, but his legacy lives on in

his building, its congregation, and their commitment to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEVIN SANDERS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courageous actions of Kevin Sanders, a native resident of Plainfield, Illinois, who passed away earlier last month. Kevin was one of the first responders who gave their lives in the evacuation efforts when a fire broke out at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas on April 17, 2013.

Kevin was an extraordinary individual who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting others. From a young age, he looked to heroes like Superman for inspiration. He was an individual who truly lived to serve others, as exemplified by his participation in the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency in Illinois and the Bruceville-Eddy Volunteer Fire Department in Texas.

His heroism lives on through his wife, Sarah, and his 3-month-old son, Reeve. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a true hero—Kevin Sanders, a real life man of steel.

HONORING THE AROOSTOOK MEDICAL CENTER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Aroostook Medical Center (TAMC) on becoming the first facility in Maine, and second in the Nation, to use compressed natural gas for both heat and cooling.

For over 100 years, TAMC has played a vital role in providing health services to Maine's northern communities. TAMC is one of the area's largest economic drivers, employing over 1000 staff members and 60 physicians. On May 13, 2013, this Maine institution will cement its role as an environmental leader as well, kicking-off National Hospital Week by officially transitioning from oil fuel to compressed natural gas (CNG).

According to TAMC's Vice President of Diagnostic and Support Services James McKenney, CNG produces about 45 percent less carbon dioxide than coal, 30 percent less than oil, and 15 percent less than wood. In addition to dramatically reducing its environmental footprint, the conversion is expected to save the hospital between \$400,000 and \$500,000 each year.

TAMC's "valve turning" ceremony on the 13th is just part of the hospital's broader efforts to improve its environmental impact. The Food Service Department has eliminated foam cups and trays, while incentivizing staff to purchase coffee with mugs rather than paper cups. The hospital is also revamping its recycling processes, expanding composting activities, and switching to environmentally friendly chemicals wherever possible. These efforts

have brought TAMC closer to local producers, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and the City of Presque Isle itself.

I am pleased to join countless families across northern Maine in helping TAMC celebrate this exciting new chapter.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating TAMC for taking this important next step forward.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Nurses Week. I am proud to honor the tireless work of the more than three million men and women who form the core of the American healthcare system.

Nurses are at the forefront of patient care in our hospitals and clinics, our schools and workplaces, in the military, and throughout our communities. They handle the daunting responsibility of caring for millions of unique patients with unparalleled grace. From bedside care to university classrooms, nurses are the leaders in promoting and maintaining our Nation's health. As equal parts caretakers, advocates, researchers, and educators, nurses work selflessly to protect the safety and well-being of all Americans. They are truly some of our Nation's most devoted professionals.

As our population ages, and our healthcare industry focuses increasingly on preventative care, the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever. We must do everything we can to support nursing students, and ensure that our healthcare system is able to meet growing patient needs for years to come.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring nurses across the country. We should all be tremendously grateful for their invaluable work, not just this week, but every day of the year.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, thank you Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON for hosting this special order and for your ongoing and unwavering leadership.

I rise today in recognition of National Nurses Week, and to thank the millions of nurses who are on the front lines of our health care system.

Although a doctor is usually considered to be the primary health care provider for a patient, Nurses are expert clinicians who provide high-quality and cost-effective care in every care community and in every setting throughout the world.

Let me just say that I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and commitment nurses have to their patients' health and well-being. Their crucial role delivering health care cannot be understated.

Around the world, nurses are the first and often the only link to health care for millions of

people living in resource limited settings, particularly in Africa and parts of Asia.

So this week I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the nurses who continue to serve us, and to renew our commitment to supporting this profession.

ACADEMIC COMPETITION RESOLUTION, 2013

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome and congratulate students from the Oswego East High School Rocket Team and the Nequa Valley High School Rocket Team.

The Oswego East and Nequa Valley Rocket Teams are coming to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge National Fly-Off competition on May 11th. They qualified for the National Fly-Off by finishing in the top 100 out of 725 teams that competed nationwide to build a rocket that could carry a raw egg 750 feet in the air, and then use a parachute to return the egg uncracked.

These students have spent many hours designing, building, testing and launching model rockets in order to create the entries that qualified for the National Fly-Off. I am proud of their hard work, perseverance, and creativity, and I commend them on this achievement.

I am also thrilled to see students embracing a project that involves elements of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. As a scientist and manufacturer, I know how rewarding it can be to research and explore, and to discover what you can accomplish when you design and build things from scratch.

This country needs more young people who are excited about studying and working in the STEM fields. STEM graduates are critical to a thriving national economy, but at present, our education system is not producing nearly enough STEM graduates to meet the private sector's need for highly skilled employees. I'm pleased to see that there are contests like the Team America Rocketry Challenge that are encouraging students to explore STEM fields through fun, hands-on projects, and I'm proud of the students from my district who took on this challenge. I hope that this will be only the first of their accomplishments in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 6, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following rollcall votes: number 129 for H.R. 588, number 130 for H.R. 291, and number 131 for H.R. 507. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three rollcall votes.