

side of families and friends, as they face the challenge of laying a loved one to rest.

Mr. Speaker, it is with this in mind that I extend my most heartfelt thanks to Pastor Pope for accepting God's call to this challenging, yet critical profession for the future of our great Nation. On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate him as he marks this most impressive achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall 179 on final passage of H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, my vote was incorrectly recorded as "yes." I intended to vote "no."

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF FONTANA, CALIFORNIA

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to the City of Fontana, California, as their community celebrates 100 years of settlement.

Fontana has a rich history of hard work and ingenuity. From its humble roots as a rural community and agricultural town of citrus orchards, vineyards and chicken ranches astride historic Route 66, the city is now home to over 200,000 residents.

Since its incorporation in June of 1952, Fontana has grown to become a regional hub of the trucking industry, with Interstate 10 and State Route 210 transecting the city from east to west and Interstate 15 passing diagonally through its northwestern quadrant. Due to its prime location, the City is also home to a number of product distribution centers for large companies, including Target and Sears. Fontana is also the home of the Auto Club Speedway, which has hosted national racing events since 1997. The Speedway is the home of the Auto Club 400 race in the NASCAR Spring Cup Series, the NASCAR Nationwide Series Royal Purple 300, the IZOD Indy Car Series race, and numerous other local events. Fontana is also home to numerous industrial sales centers and commercial strip zoning such as "The Miracle Mile" and the Fontana Auto Center.

With a city theme of "open for business" and dedication to a "Healthy Fontana" lifestyle, the citizens of Fontana continually demonstrate their enthusiasm for their City by actively participating in local government and future city planning. It is indeed my pleasure to represent the residents of this beautiful city, who have contributed much of their time towards the betterment of their community.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special year for the City of Fontana, please join me in commemorating their one hundredth anniversary.

AUTHORIZING USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR UNVEILING OF STATUE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support S. Con. Res. 16, legislation authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for the unveiling of a statue of Frederick Douglass.

Frederick Douglass was an historic figure, whose work and legacy continues to improve lives and help us form a more perfect union.

The battle he valiantly led in the 19th century for equal rights and dignity has yielded great results and his sage advice to agitate at every turn continues to inspire men and women into action.

With each passing generation the march toward freedom and equal opportunity is moving closer to full realization thanks in part to the actions of Frederick Douglass.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Nettie Washington Douglass, the great, great granddaughter of Frederick Douglass, who chairs the Frederick Douglass Foundation, and continues the difficult work he started.

I proudly joined with her in urging President Obama to issue posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom and I am proud to support this resolution to properly recognize this great man and all that he has given to our country.

HONORING JOHN C. TOY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Kentucky native John C. Toy, a true American patriot.

John C. Toy was born on August 14, 1918, in Montgomery County, Kentucky to Ella Lee and Edward Joseph Toy. Mr. Toy joined the Army in June, 1941, and was stationed at Schofield, Honolulu, Hawaii, in the anti-aircraft division. While there, he survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He served in the Army until 1945 when he was Honorably Discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Since his military service to this country, Mr. Toy has remained active in his community by teaching Sunday school at the First Church of God in Mt. Sterling, serving on the Board at Mt. Sterling Swimming Pool and Park, as a Member and Past Commander American Legion Post 22, and as current President of the Kentucky Pearl Harbor Association.

Mr. Toy is married to Gerturde Fletcher of Bourbon County, and has been blessed with two daughters, Pam Ishmael and Sandy McDonald, as well as three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

As a U.S. Congressman, I am forever grateful for John C. Toy's service to our country. Because of his bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms are protected for future generations. Truly, he is a hero to us all.

HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF TIM CAUSEY AND THE CAUSEY FAMILY

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the Causey Family today, as they have lost a husband, father, son, and friend. Deputy Sheriff Tim Causey passed away on Sunday from complications he suffered from bravely fighting the devastating fire in Windsor Green this past March.

Beloved by family, friends, and co-workers, Mr. Causey served Horry County with a fervor and commitment that residents can only hope to find in a first responder. As we look back on his 25 years of service, his bravery and selflessness in times of crisis will not be forgotten.

On behalf of Horry County and the Seventh Congressional District of South Carolina, I ask that we remember today Deputy Sheriff Tim Causey for his service and ultimate sacrifice. Wrenzie and I hope that they may find peace in a time of sorrow, clarity in a time of distress, and strength through the support of family and friends.

CUMBERLAND CID 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID), which is celebrating 25 years of fostering economic growth in Cobb County, Georgia.

First known as "Cobb County CID," Cumberland CID was launched in 1988 as the first program of its kind in the State of Georgia. Since then, the Cumberland economy has grown into one of the largest economic engines in the state, attracting companies like The Home Depot, GE Energy, Travelport, and many more. Because of their efforts, the Cumberland market now totals an estimated five percent of Georgia's overall economy, and has brought tens of thousands of jobs to Cobb County.

Not only has the Cumberland CID been critical to economic growth, but it represents hundreds of millions of dollars in state infrastructure project investments. Over the next 30 years, Cumberland CID will underscore their commitment to Georgia's economic future by investing \$133 million in community improvement projects.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my thanks to the hard-working people who make up the Cumberland CID, and who have played such an important leadership role in making Cobb County's economy flourish. On behalf of Georgia's 11th district, congratulations to Cumberland CID on 25 years of success, and here's to 25 more.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Older Americans Month.

Every year since 1963, May has been a month to honor older Americans and highlight the value that senior citizens contribute to our communities.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2013 is "Older Americans: Connecting the Community." Older Americans are more active in community life than ever before and continue to make a significant impact across the region. Our seniors are mentoring the leaders of tomorrow, taking to heart the need for intergenerational learning to guide and inspire young minds.

In my Congressional District, we are lucky to have many older Americans embracing their role in building connections for the community. I want to recognize individuals who were recently honored by the Cayuga County Legislature as Senior Citizens of the Year: Trudy Buxenbaum of Aurora, Joni Lincoln and Anita Messina of Port Byron, and Betty Miller of Auburn.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of older Americans in New York's 24th District and applaud the Cayuga County Office for the Aging for its efforts to enhance the quality of life for seniors and encourage them to share their lifetime of experience with those around them.

COMMEMORATING THE FIVE YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNLAW-
FUL IMPRISONMENT OF THE
IRANIAN BAHÁ'Í LEADERSHIP

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Iranian Baha'i community, Iran's largest minority religion, and in commemoration of the five year anniversary of the unlawful imprisonment of its leadership, known as the Yaran-i-Iran, or "friends of Iran."

In 2008 the Iranian regime arrested seven members of the Yaran-i-Iran on several trumped up charges including espionage, propaganda activities against the Islamic order, the establishment of an illegal administration, cooperating with Israel, sending secret documents outside the country, acting against the security of the country, and "corruption on earth." Fariba Kamalabadi, Jamaloddin Khanjani, Afif Naeimi, Saeid Rezaei, Mahvash Sabet, Behrouz Tavakkoli, and Vahid Tizfahm were "tried" in a series of closed-door sessions from January to August 2010, during which they were denied meaningful access to their lawyers.

Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and a member of the group's legal team, has said that there is no evidence against them to sustain the charges. Nonetheless, all seven were sentenced to 20 years in prison—the longest of all prisoners of conscience in Iran. The conditions within the prison where they

are being held are appalling. Their unfortunate circumstance reminds us of the intolerant character and brutality of the current Iranian regime, not only towards the Baha'i, but also the Iranian population as a whole.

In conclusion, I want to reiterate my support for the Baha'i community in calling for the immediate release of the Yaran-i-Iran members, as well as the release of all Iranian prisoners of conscience. I will continue to monitor this situation and hold Iran accountable for its abuse of its citizens.

HONORING MR. DANIEL SISTO

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and members of the New York delegation, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. MAFFEI, Ms. MALONEY, Mr. MALONEY, Ms. MCCARTHY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REED, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, I would like to recognize Daniel Sisto of The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) for his many years of outstanding service to the cause of advancing health care delivery and improving the health of all New Yorkers.

Mr. Sisto is one of the nation's leading experts on health care public policy. Over the course of his nearly three decades as President of HANYS he has worked tirelessly to advance positive change in health care and achieve fairness and balance in resolving essential health policy issues. Because of his leadership, Mr. Sisto has helped establish HANYS as a valued, trusted voice on health policy matters in Washington, D.C., and in New York State.

Mr. Sisto has never been satisfied with the status quo. Recognizing the need to improve the health care delivery system to ensure efficient, high-quality care for all New Yorkers, he embraced patient-centered delivery system reform, worked to expand coverage, and has positioned HANYS as a leader in guiding quality improvement initiatives at hospitals and health systems across the state.

Under Mr. Sisto's guidance, HANYS has worked with hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care provider organizations in collaboratives, including the New York State Partnership for Patients, sharing best practices and facilitating the widespread adoption of proven clinical protocols to improve care delivery for all New Yorkers.

Mr. Sisto began his career in health care advocacy on Long Island, New York, as the Executive Vice President of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council and former Deputy Director of the Nassau-Suffolk Health Systems Agency. Mr. Sisto holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a Master of Business Administration degree in Marketing from St. John's University.

During his nearly three decades of distinguished work in health care, Mr. Sisto has repeatedly proven himself to be one of New York State's most respected advocates and

health care leaders and we, as New York's Delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

HONORING CHRISTIAN THORNTON BRYAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christian Thornton Bryan, who graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA on May 20, 2013.

Christian graduated with a degree in International Relations. He also participated in the ROTC program where he was selected to join the Lehigh Valley Steel Battalion. As a member of this Battalion, he competed in the 2nd Army ROTC Brigade's Ranger Challenge Competition and helped his team place third. He will now serve as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army and is assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington as an Infantry Platoon Leader.

Christian follows in the footsteps of his father, who serves as a Major in the U.S. Army Infantry. I am proud of this young man's decision to serve his country, and I know he will go above and beyond to uphold this duty.

I wish him the best of luck in the Army and in all his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in honoring Christian Thornton Bryan.

RECOGNIZING SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS FOR ITS UNWAVERING
DEDICATION TO OUR TROOPS

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work and admirable service of a very special military support nonprofit in Texas—Support our Soldiers (SOS).

Led by Teresa Nelson, whose father served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, SOS was founded to care for our troops at home and abroad with support they might otherwise not receive. SOS volunteers often create custom boxes to meet the unique needs of troops. Just this week, a Marine unit serving overseas received a shipment of pillows after SOS learned they had none. Since its establishment in June 2011, over 17,000 pounds of food and supplies have been sent overseas to benefit more than 500 soldiers.

Texans are always looking for ways to give back to the men and women of the United States armed forces, and SOS provides a wide range of opportunities for its surrounding communities to serve those who wear the uniform. Teresa and her team host monthly meetings with sell-out crowds and organize community events across 6 cities in Tarrant and Johnson County to raise awareness, funds, and support for our troops. Beyond collecting and distributing material goods, SOS also works with ROTC programs and students to teach them the importance of patriotism.