

The constant threats on her life and acts of violence didn't stop her either.

Mrs. Kegal's fight for equality and empowerment has a place of longevity in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. The Fox Funeral Home where Mrs. Kegal worked until her death became the location where many of her plans would evolve and manifest. Her journey included but is not limited to:

A march with Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery Alabama for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

The organizing of the first local chapter of the NAACP in Tallahatchie County; and

Leading the fight which helped her son, James, become one of the first Black bus drivers in the county; and

When citizens living in the community needed a place to host Sunday school classes, Mrs. Kegal allowed them to be held in her local store; and

The establishing of the first African-American Business and Professional Women's Club in the county; and

When the need came, she crossed county lines helping to lend a hand to secure housing for elderly citizens living in Grenada, Mississippi; and

On January 11, 1966 Mrs. Kegal and Ms. Adlena Hamlett were killed as they traveled back from Jackson, Mississippi after testifying before a Joint Committee chaired by Senator Robert Kennedy. Mrs. Kegal's testimony was about voting discrimination in the State of Mississippi against African-Americans.

It saddens me to report Mr. Speaker that the untimely death of Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Kegal and Ms. Adlena Hamlett are among those unsolved murder cases from the 1960s civil rights era.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Kegal for her dedication to fighting oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVID GOLDSTEIN

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Goldstein for his many years of selfless and compassionate public service in the Bronx.

David has been an exemplary contributor to the Bronx community for more than 13 years, and during that time he has served as mentor and leader to countless professionals. His career in public affairs and community service has been a testament to the importance of unselfish devotion to the well being of others.

Since 2003, David has served as the Chairperson for my office's Military Academy Committee so I have firsthand knowledge of his outstanding professionalism. During his tenure as Chairperson, my office has sent 7 young people to the United States Naval Academy. He has brought a variety of skills to his role with the committee, including sharp intellect, a strong work ethic, and a deeply felt commitment to ensuring that the candidates selected serve our nation in the United States military with honor and distinction.

David's acute appreciation for the needs of the people he serves can be seen in all of his

work. During his tenure at the United Parcel Service of America, Inc (UPS) as Government and Community Relations Director for New York City, he established bilateral relationships with not-for-profit organizations, small businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, and various business associations. Recently, as the former Vice President of Operations at the Food Bank for New York City, David developed operational strategies that led the Food Bank to increase their food donations by more than one million pounds. David also worked to redesign the existing community kitchen/food pantry program to become the Food Bank's flagship program for all of New York City. David's unique ability to understand the goals of each of these organizations, and expand them in ways specifically designed to advance these goals in extraordinary ways is what makes him such an exemplary leader.

David has recently taken a position with the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County in New Jersey. As many of my colleagues from New Jersey can attest, Monmouth and Ocean Counties were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. I am confident that David will bring the same dedication and effort that accomplished so much for the Bronx and for New York City to this new endeavor. I know David will be successful in this new position, and that he will help the many families who are still recovering from this devastating storm.

David's dedication to helping others, and expanding opportunities for young men and women who wish to serve our country, are truly outstanding. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring David Goldstein for his remarkable dedication to the people of the Bronx, New York City, and the Tri-State area.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ADAM KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Adam Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Adam's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Adam brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Adam was a Member of the National Honor Society and ranked near the top of his class academically.

Throughout high school, Adam was a member of his school's soccer and track teams and

earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Adam was a member of the marching and pep bands, as well as the annual high school musical, junior fair board, 4-H, junior leadership, and Boy Scouts of America. I am confident that Adam will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Kleman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Adam will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### HONORING SUSAN SCHWARTZ

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Susan Schwartz has performed an almost endless array of services for Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale since she first visited the Synagogue in 1984 pregnant with twins.

Initially Susan enrolled in a learners' service that met on Shabbat. Later she was a liaison from the Parents Association to the Board of Trustees, which led to her serving four years as Chair of the Education Board. Afterwards she served on the Board of Trustees and on the Mission Statement Committee.

She has served as a member of the Search Committees for Rabbi, Cantor, Assistant Rabbi, Education Director, and, twice, for an Executive Director. She served as President of CSAIR for five years during which time \$1.2 million was raised in a capital campaign to redesign the Sanctuary, Social Hall and main synagogue entrance. Accessibility—both spiritual and physical—was an important aspect of the work that was accomplished during the renovation.

After stepping down as President, Susan spent two years with a wonderful, engaging group of women, studying together for their bat mitzvah, which they celebrated together in 2010. Susan has spent more than 10 years as a member of, or the chair of, the High Holiday honors committee and has had the honor of giving honors and of assisting on the bimah on Shabbat and on the high holidays. She is currently Chair of the Ritual and Religious Life Committee.

Susan is a learning disability specialist and a dedicated advocate for children with special needs. She has specific expertise in child development, reading and literacy, learning disorders, and the development of language skills and higher-level reasoning skills in children and adolescents. She is a significant public voice on learning accommodations and special education services in our schools.

Susan spent 13 years as the Clinical Director of the Institute for Learning and Academic Achievement at the NYU Child Study Center then for two years the Clinical Director of the Learning and Diagnostics Center at the Child Mind Institute. She is currently one of two learning specialists in the Lower School at Friends Seminary in Manhattan.

She hails from a large, close-knit multi-generational family spanning in age from newborn to age 93.

It is a joy and pleasure to join with Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale in honoring Susan Schwartz for her many and myriad accomplishments for the synagogue and, ultimately for her community. We are all better off for her being among us.

#### TRIBUTE TO RACHEL DANIEL

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Rachel Daniel is a sophomore at Dawson High School in Brazoria County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

#### PROCESSING POLITICS

The purpose of creating this nation, The United States of America, was so that the people could have a say in their leaders and politics and people were willing to go against everything they believed and start a war just to earn the right to this liberty. After all the hardships that the Founding Fathers of our nation suffered through in order for us to have a representative democracy, we the people of the United States of America have not only an obligation towards nation but also towards ourselves. Our nation depends on each and every citizen to make an informed decision as well as pick the best people to represent us, and all citizens of America deserves to have leaders who they support and trust.

We were given the rights and freedoms that many nowadays take for granted, but they really should be treasured, valued, and taken advantage of. That is why it is paramount that every citizen of America takes part in the political process. It is the people's chance to express their views for all to hear and to support what has taken centuries to achieve.

The political process is what holds this nation together. It's when our nation unites in the form of many different parties to decide who is fit to run our nation. The people, who are chosen, are the ones who lead us as a nation with the help of many. If we don't participate in the political process of choosing these leaders and then helping to implement new laws and policies, there is no longer any point of having a representative democracy, and everything that has been fought for will have been fought for in vain. All those lives lost for our freedom and democracy will be lives lost in vain. All the blood, sweat, and tears will be in vain. The political process of our nation is what makes us great. Not our education. Not our manufacturing. But, instead, our political process and the unity of the United States of America.

HONORING MRS. GERTRUDE  
GRENADA

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown Civil Rights era activist, Mrs. Gertrude Grenada. Mrs. Grenada has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Mrs. Gertrude Grenada was born March 16, 1933 in Hinds County, MS. Growing up in Bolton, Mississippi, Mrs. Grenada witnessed and experienced a multitude of injustices during an era of legal segregation and Jim Crow. Although at times frightened by intimidation tactics used against her family and others in her community, Mrs. Grenada maintained a resilient and determined spirit to make strides toward ending laws targeting the civil rights and liberties of African Americans.

She received her formal education at the Southern Christian Institute (SCI), located in Edwards, Mississippi. After graduating from SCI, she attended Jackson State University and received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. For many years, she played an instrumental part in educating preschool children through the Hinds County HeadStart Program.

In addition to her commitment to education, Mrs. Grenada was very active in local strategizing and planning meetings with Freedom Riders and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Because of her determination to invoke positive change during the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Grenada also participated in a number of marches, most notably alongside other well-known Civil Rights pioneers, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Medgar Evers. In 1972, Mrs. Grenada volunteered her time to assist in the election of her hometown's first African American mayor. Her lifelong efforts toward establishing change in her community will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gertrude Grenada for her astounding resolve to actively contribute to the cause during the Civil Rights Era in her community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISABLED MILITARY CHILD PROTECTION ACT

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Disabled Military Child Protection Act. This important bill would enable military retirees, investing in a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), to transfer their benefit to a Special Needs Trust (SNT) to provide long-term care for a disabled child.

Under the SBP, a military retiree can have a portion of his or her monthly retired pay withheld in order to provide, after his or her death, a monthly survivor benefit (55% of base amount of military retired pay at the time of the retiree's death) to a surviving spouse or

other eligible recipient(s). However, by directing SBP annuity payments to an SNT, the retiree may ensure that a dependent, disabled child might continue to qualify for certain benefits, such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicaid, that are means tested. As you know Mr. Speaker, assets placed into an SNT are not generally counted as income or assets for the purposes of determining eligibility for these benefits. Current individual care costs for a disabled child could exceed \$100,000 a year if he/she has assets greater than the Medicaid threshold.

A SNT can be created by anyone, but there is no current mechanism for a military member to designate a Trust as the beneficiary of his/her SBP. This legislation would enable a SNT transfer similar to what is available to the general public today. This is an equity issue; currently, civilians can create a SNT for their permanently disabled children to ensure they receive care beyond their guardian's death, and are not subject to an income means-test. It is only fair to allow retired military personnel to prepare for the long-term care of their disabled children.

As of March 2011, CBO estimates that the bill would increase mandatory outlays by \$123 million over the 2012–2021 period. The mandatory cost is not directly attributed to DoD, but rather reflects the increased costs to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicaid, since affected dependent children who are currently ineligible for those benefits would become eligible. This legislation would impact approximately 1,065 military dependents who are currently incapacitated beneficiaries under SBP.

This bill would help many Americans who have nobly served our country, like one of my constituents who has a son named Thomas. Thomas was diagnosed with severe autism by the age of 2 and is non-verbal, communicating primarily through hand leading to express he is hungry, wants to take a shower, or go for a car ride. He is unable to independently perform routine activities of daily living such as dressing or tending to his personal hygiene, much less make himself something to eat, ask for help, or let someone know he is in pain. Thomas requires supervision and assistance, around the clock, to ensure his safety needs are met. Other than his severe autism diagnosis, Thomas is healthy and expected to live a normal lifespan. Our constituent, a single parent, is nearly 38 years older than Thomas, and has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The passage of this bill would allow him the flexibility to plan for Thomas' future care and well-being.

In the name of decency and fairness, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and allow our military personnel some well-deserved peace of mind, knowing that their disabled children can be adequately provided for long after they are gone.

HONORING THE BRICK STORE MU-  
SEUM IN KENNEBUNKPORT,  
MAINE

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2013*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the