

Annually, this organization seeks to lower the incidence of hunger in our community by distributing over three million pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit, meat, eggs, milk, bread, and other groceries.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center as it marks 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Arlington County.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE
DEFIANCE BULLDOGS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Defiance High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Baseball Championship.

In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Baseball Championship Game, the Defiance Bulldogs overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Defiance Bulldogs defeated Plain City Jonathan Alder to claim their second state championship in their fourth appearance at the state baseball championship game. In winning the Division II Boys Baseball State Championship, the members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result and great support from their community. As a direct outcome of their hard work and dedication on and off the field, their accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the 2013 Defiance High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K.
RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today on the 30th anniversary of Dr. Sally Ride's historic journey into space, I am introducing the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013 because of what Dr. Ride meant to this country as a pioneer.

Dr. Ride was the first American woman to fly into space. Flying on the seventh space shuttle flight, which was launched on June 18, 1983, she helped deploy two communications satellites including piloting the shuttle's robotic arm to capture a satellite for the first time. Dr. Ride's flight into space came at a time when women in the United States were shattering the glass ceiling becoming leaders in science and math.

Dr. Ride's extraordinary courage and pioneering spirit paved the way for future female astronauts. Her ride to space was an inspira-

tion for young women to dream. As Gloria Steinem wrote at the time, "millions of little girls are going to sit by their television sets and see they can be astronauts, heroes, explorers and scientists." As the Associate Administrator for the Shuttle Program, Lieutenant General James Abrahamson stated in 1983, the next "milestone" would be "when ladies go into space and nobody notices, they just take it for granted." Thirty years after Sally Ride's historic flight we know that to be true.

What made Dr. Ride truly extraordinary was her work after 1983 to ensure that the children of our country would be able to follow in her footsteps and create their own legacies. After flying into space one more time in 1984, serving on the Rogers Commission investigating the Challenger disaster, and leading NASA's long range and strategic planning efforts, Dr. Ride left NASA in 1987. She received numerous awards including Jefferson Award for Public Service, the von Braun Award, the Lindbergh Eagle and the NCAA's Theodore Roosevelt Award. She has also twice been awarded the NASA Space Flight Medal. Dr. Ride was also inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. She became a Professor of Physics and Director of the California Space Institute at the University of California, San Diego. While teaching college students, she also endeavored to reach out to young children. Dr. Ride and her life-partner Tam O'Shaughnessy co-wrote six children's books which focused on encouraging children to study science. Dr. Ride also founded EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle school students) in 1995, a NASA educational outreach program using cameras onboard the Shuttle and now the International Space Station to enable students, teachers, and the public to learn about Earth from the unique perspective of space. In 2001, she founded a company with the goal of creating entertaining science programs and publications for elementary and middle school students with a focus on girls.

As we look to honor Dr. Ride, it is important to note that Dr. Ride never let her symbolic accomplishments overshadow the importance of her life's work pushing our country to explore and continuing to lead the charge of getting more women into the sciences. Commenting on her inspiring flight in 1983, Dr. Ride stated, "It's too bad this is such a big deal. It's too bad our society isn't further along." This Medal is meant to serve both as a testament to the extraordinary American that Dr. Sally Ride was and as a reminder that we must protect her legacy by being forever vigilant to ensure that future Sally Rides are able to pursue their dreams.

The Navy recently named the next ocean-class auxiliary general oceanographic research ship after her to honor her legacy. As Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said, "Sally Ride's career was one of firsts and will inspire generations to come."

In closing, I believe that awarding this congressional gold medal will be a fitting, though long overdue, recognition by Congress of all Dr. Ride contributed to our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 246 I was attending a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING VIRGINIA STEWART

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Virginia Stewart has led a full and productive life with a career in the health care system starting with her cum laude degree from the College of New Rochelle in Health Administration.

She was a community outreach worker at Harlem Hospital, the neighborhood where she was born, and was promoted to Assistant Director and then Administrator for Family Planning and Women's Health Initiatives. In time she became Director of Outpatient Services for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology until her retirement in 1991.

In 1971 she had moved to Co-op City and for the past 27 years has been a member of the Goodwill Baptist Church where she is Secretary of the Usher Board. In retirement she has not stopped becoming a community activist and an active member of several Co-op City community organizations. She has also become involved in politics, being elected several times as a Judicial Delegate for the 82nd Assembly District, and is currently an Election monitor for that District.

Among her many activities at Co-op City was Treasurer and Publicist of the Retirees of Dreiser Loop, as well as the second women president in the group's 40 year history, now in her second term.

She is a member of the Harriet Tubman Democratic Club, and served for several years as its Recording Secretary. She is also a member of the Co-op City and Williamsbridge Branches of the NAACP, the National Organization of AARP, and the Coalition of African American Churches and Community Organizations.

She and her husband Kenneth married in 1951 and have four children.

Virginia Stewart is that godsend to a community, someone who is caring and active in its many organizations. I am proud to join with the people and organizations of Co-op City in honoring her for her many contributions to her community and the people in it.

HONORING MARGARET ANN BEALE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Chaplain Margaret Ann Beale.

Chaplain Beale is the 4th out of 10 children. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but was raised in Helm, Mississippi, where she has lived all of her life. She has 3 children: Steve, Felecia and Ashley; 4 grandchildren; and, 1 great-grandchild.

She is a 1966 graduate from Briech High School in Leland, Mississippi. After high school, she worked various jobs, but it was not until 2007, when she became a librarian assistant. As of today, she is still holding this position where she has to do clerical work, organizing, stocking, hosting events, and assisting the public with their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chaplain Margaret Beale for her dedication to serving others.

CELEBRATING DIA DE PORTUGAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. VALADAO of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. HONDA of California, Mr. LANGEVIN of Rhode Island, and Ms. LOFGREN of California to recognize Dia de Portugal and to again state the importance of a strong relationship between the United States and Portugal. Dia de Portugal celebrates the heritage of the Portuguese people and their descendants and is recognized around the world on June 10th.

Vibrant Portuguese communities are scattered across the United States from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to California and Hawaii. The latest census estimates that more than 1.3 million individuals living in the United States are of Portuguese ancestry, and they have been making positive contributions to our society for decades.

The ties between the United States and Portugal are critical and date from the earliest years of the United States. Following the Revolutionary War, Portugal was among the first countries to recognize the United States. On February 21, 1791, President George Washington opened formal diplomatic relations, and the oldest continuously-operating U.S. Consulate in the world, since 1795, is in Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel in the Azores.

Portugal is an integral member of the European Union, a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and an important strategic partner in the Mediterranean and beyond. As such, the United States-Portugal defense relationship is strong and must remain so. Central to this relationship is the U.S. Air Force's 65th Air Base Wing at Lajes Field on Terceira Island in the Azores. Having bolstered the United States' and its allies' control of the Atlantic since World War II, Lajes Field is a valuable asset that must be maintained.

Mr. Speaker, we join with the people of Portugal and our Portuguese American constitu-

ents in wishing everyone celebrating across the globe a wonderful Dia de Portugal.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SALLY K. RIDE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT OF 2013

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 30 years ago today, Sally Ride became the first American woman to travel into space. For that, she will be forever enshrined in history. But as impressive as that feat was, she made many other contributions to our country that were just as important. In recognition of all of her achievements, today I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Sally K. Ride Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2013, which was introduced by my colleague Representative SCOTT PETERS.

Sally Ride was a newly minted Ph.D. physicist when she joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1978. During her service in the astronaut corps, she participated in two Space Shuttle missions: STS-7 in 1983 and STS-41G in 1984. While training for her third mission, the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster occurred, which ended her service as an astronaut. In the aftermath of the disaster, Dr. Ride was selected to serve on the Presidential commission investigating the accident. She would later go on to serve as a member of the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation Board, becoming the only person to serve on both Space Shuttle accident investigation boards.

After her service at NASA, Dr. Ride became a professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, as well as the Director of the California Space Institute. In addition to her teaching at UC San Diego, Dr. Ride was heavily involved with programs to increase science, technology, and mathematics (STEM) educational achievement in young women. To this end, in 2001 she co-founded a company that creates entertaining science programs for elementary and middle school students. Dr. Ride was also a prolific writer of children's books.

Sadly, in July of last year, Dr. Ride passed away after a battle with cancer.

During her life, Sally Ride was honored and recognized many times. However, she was never awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. I think we can all agree that this was an unfortunate oversight on the part of Congress, and we should expeditiously move forward with this legislation to posthumously recognize Dr. Ride's achievements.

I hope that as we work to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman, we also work to honor the legacy of her achievements. We can best honor that legacy by ensuring a strong and healthy space program, by rededicating our scientific and educational agencies to the cause of improving STEM education, and by striving to ensure that all young people, re-

gardless of race or sex or creed, believe that they too can reach for the stars.

COMMEMORATING GARY AND JUDI SAMUEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Judi Samuel.

Gary and Judi Samuel were married on June 1, 1963. Since then, Gary has served as the president of Portable Livestock Shelters and Judi is a partner at Debco Management, Inc. Gary and Judi are also members of Second Baptist Church in Springfield.

Gary and Judi have two children, a daughter, Sherry, and a son, Greg. They are also blessed with five granddaughters.

I am proud of Gary and Judi Samuel and am honored to call them my neighbors in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. This milestone shows what true devotion Gary and Judi have to one another. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate their 50th anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy and loving years together.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NA- TIONAL PATRIOTS MEMORIAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the National Patriots Memorial Act today, the anniversary of the start of the War of 1812, a war that was fought in the streets of Washington, D.C. The bill would authorize the establishment of a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, as well as our international allies that fought in support of preserving our nation's freedom during these wars. Funding for the memorial will come entirely from private funds provided by the Benjamin Harrison Society, which suggested the memorial. The National Patriots Memorial will be an important addition to the nation and the District of Columbia alike. It will preserve and help educate the nation about both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and the link to our own city. The National Patriots Memorial would remind the nation that D.C. residents fought in the Revolutionary War, the war that created the nation itself, the War of 1812, and every war since. The memorial also will serve to educate visitors to the nation's capital about the early years of our country's issues, conflicts, and growth. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.