

and Venezuela, and then continued that work as a consultant with the Pan American Health Organization.

In Fairfax, Jorge led the creation of an insect identification and surveillance program, targeting mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects. He has helped raise public awareness about the public health risks of West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease and offered helpful tips for precaution, particularly among the County's diverse immigrant community and in our school classrooms. He also has helped train a new generation of "mosquito hunters" to carry on this important work.

The American Mosquito Control Association recognized Jorge in 2011 with its Volunteer of the Year Award, "for his outstanding contributions to the furtherance of mosquito control education and outreach programs in Fairfax County Virginia and to communities around the world." Last year, the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association recognized him with its 2012 R. E. Dorer award for his "exceptional contributions to mosquito control in the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control region."

Mr. Speaker, when I was a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we often joked that we should not allow such talented and dedicated community servants to retire. We certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Jorge, his wife, Kathy, his children, and grandchildren, all the best in this well-deserved retirement, and I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in expressing our appreciation to Jorge for his commitment to public health service and for keeping the bugs at bay for the rest of us..

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States.

It was not until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, that Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that the war had ended and the slaves were freed. Since then, Juneteenth has been celebrated nationally, serving as an important opportunity for friends, families and neighbors to come together and rejoice in our shared heritage. It's an important reminder both of the great tragedy of slavery and of the courage and resilience of all those who fought for change.

I am proud to look back on this day at my own family's tradition of fighting for civil rights in this country. My great grandfather led one of the first units of African-American soldiers into battle, where they risked their lives and their own freedom to bring greater freedom to all Americans of every skin color. That tradition carried on through my family to my father who joined the civil rights struggle of the 1960s and went on to write much of the enforcement language behind the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Recently, I attended a ceremony commemorating the life of civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers on the 50th anniversary of his as-

sassination. His legacy is a reminder of the courage of individuals who fight for freedom and opportunity. While we have made great strides since that day in 1865, the struggle for equality is not over.

As I commemorate this historic day, I would like to urge my colleagues to honor the memory of all who have fought for freedom and equality and stand with all who continue the struggle today.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BETTY MORAIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a woman of substance: Betty Morais passed from this life in May 2013, in Toledo, Ohio.

Betty was born in Minneapolis on March 5, 1923, to Esther and Lewis Himmelman. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and her graduate degree from Ohio State University. She worked in New York City of the Army Adjutant General's Office, then made her way to Toledo where she worked for Lasalle & Koch. It was at the downtown department store that she met her husband, Harold. They married in 1950 and together raised three children, sons Peter and Anthony, and daughter Nina. Harold and Betty enjoyed 49 happy years until his passing. Betty met further heartache when her son Anthony passed away a decade later.

Betty spent twenty years as a committed volunteer for the Toledo section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Junior League and the League of Women Voters. She volunteered with groups assisting children in need and worked for the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Toledo. Betty's calling, however, was to lead Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio.

Betty Morais became the executive director of Planned Parenthood and ably guided the agency for eighteen years until retiring in 1993. Under her leadership, the agency grew from a storefront to its own clinic, expanded educational initiatives and medical services, and growing into the rural areas of the region. She was open, compassionate and a visionary. It was important to Betty to serve people who needed her help. Her efforts brought her recognition from the Junior League, receiving its Community Service Award; the YWCA, receiving its Milestones Award; and the legal aid associations' Community Advocacy Award.

Betty Morais gave fully of herself. She was a pioneer in many ways, and a focused advocate. She has left her mark on our community. We offer our condolences to her family, and hope they may draw strength from Betty Morais' memory and the gift of her life.

NOBODY HOME ON SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, more than three months since the departure of Sudan Special

Envoy Princeton Lyman, this administration has yet to fill his position.

A June 11 UPI story covered a recently released Amnesty International report which underscored that, "Indiscriminate bombing has been the Sudanese government's signature tactic in Blue Nile state, to devastating effect."

Amnesty reported on the desperate humanitarian situation facing the people of the region—including acute food shortages and virtually non-existent access to medical care.

The report underscored the fact that an internationally indicted war criminal, Sudanese President Omar Bashir, continues to evade justice and concludes: "With no accountability for past crimes, there is little deterrence for those of the present."

I couldn't agree more which is why I attempted to restrict non-humanitarian foreign assistance to countries that diplomatically welcomed an architect of genocide in an effort to isolate a man who undoubtedly has blood on his hands. I offered an amendment to that effect to last year's appropriations bill—an amendment which the Obama Administration sought to defeat as the appropriations process moved forward.

These realities beg certain questions: What is this administration's policy on Sudan? Is it to isolate Bashir? Apparently not. Is it to pursue justice for the Sudanese people? Not if it risks ruffling diplomatic feathers. Is it to elevate the issue within our own foreign policy establishment? Not really—how else to explain a prolonged vacancy of the Special Envoy post?

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF PORTER COUNTY HOSPICE PROGRAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Visiting Nurse Association, VNA, of Porter County Hospice Program as the organization celebrates its 30th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the VNA Hospice is hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The VNA Hospice Program was established in 1983 with the goal of providing comfort, care, and compassion to terminally ill patients and their families in and around the communities of Porter County. The program started with only 22 patients and has quickly grown over the years, caring for 742 patients in 2012. In 1994, in order to meet the growing need for inpatient hospice care, the VNA of Porter County opened the 10-bed Mary E. Bartz Hospice Center in Valparaiso, which was the first self-supporting hospice center in Indiana. Due to the tremendous support of the community through a \$2.85 million capital campaign, the Arthur B. and Ethel V. Horton 20-bed hospice center was built to replace the Bartz Hospice Center in 2002. Throughout the last 30 years, the VNA Hospice Program has been able to help more than 11,000 patients live their final days with peace and dignity.

The VNA of Porter County Hospice Program has been successful due to the unwavering

dedication of its leadership, volunteers, and staff, including nurses, social workers, home health aides, clergy, and therapists. Northwest Indiana is not only grateful, but proud to have had the organization's support and help during the past 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the VNA of Porter County Hospice Program on their 30th anniversary. For their remarkable leadership, commitment, and compassion shown through their service to so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana, they are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING DR. STEVEN BREM

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Steven Brem and all those who have come to America, worked hard and embraced this great country as their own. We are truly a nation of immigrants and many of us have a story to tell about how our families came here, some dating back to the discovery and settlement of the continent and others more recent, but all are proud of the day they or their ancestors were welcomed as citizens and finally called themselves Americans. The process can be hard, and the journey difficult, but the stories of immigrants like Steven and his family continue to enrich our country and exemplify what so many seek to achieve when they come here.

Dr. Steven Brem was born Szmul Szaja Brem, in a displaced persons camp in Germany following World War II. His parents were survivors of the Holocaust and, in 1949, the family traveled to the United States on a troop support boat. The Brem family embraced this country as their own and they were grateful for the opportunities they were provided, especially the access to an education, which was denied in the concentration camps. His parents instilled the value of education in Steven and maintained that in America success would come to those willing to work hard to achieve their goals. Steven took his parents philosophy to heart and, upon deciding he wanted to pursue a degree in medicine, worked hard, and received his degree from Harvard Medical School in 1972.

I first met Steven when he was helping one of my employees fight a brain tumor. He was serving as the Chair of Neuro-Oncology at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and proved an invaluable resource during that difficult time. Although she ultimately lost her battle, Steven was there for her during her struggle, exemplifying all the traits one could wish for in a doctor. His kindness and caring for his patients made a lasting impression, and our families have become good friends. Steven has since moved to Pennsylvania and is now serving in the Department of Neurosurgery at Penn Medicine as Professor of Neurosurgery, Chief of Surgical Neuro-oncology and Co-Director of the Penn Brain Tumor Center. He is recognized as one of the preeminent doctors for the treatment of brain tumors, recently receiving the Joel A. Gingras, Jr. award from the American Brain Tumor Association for his work to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the story of the Brem family is one of the most positive stories of the American experience I have ever heard. As Steven has said to me many times "we want to make a stronger, more beautiful America by passing down from generation to generation the love of learning and service to our fellow man." I am proud to call Steven my friend and ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing the contribution he and his family have made to our great nation.

SPENCER WEST SUMMIT
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the anniversary of Spencer West's summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. A man of many talents: relentless climber, accomplished speaker, motivating author, thriving philanthropist and activist. This Wyoming native from Rock Springs is a man who is inspiring the world to follow in his path and redefine possible.

"Redefining Possible" is the phrase that West has chosen to embody his life. At age of 5, he was diagnosed with sacral agenesis, a genetic disorder which led to the amputation of both his legs. The 32 years old man today is an inspiration, proving no handicap can hold you back from changing the world.

Just one year ago, West climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest peak in Africa on his hands and in his wheelchair. West's climb was dedicated to the fundraising campaign for Free the Children's sustainable water initiative, which raised more than half a million dollars committed to create clean water programs in Kenya. He now shares with audiences the struggles he has overcome. His motivational speeches have reached over 150,000 people where he captures audiences with his charismatic and dynamic personality.

His powerful message continued to reach a larger audience when West teamed up with Nelly Furtado in her lyrical video for her single titled Spirit Indestructible. Furtado's video chronicles West's astonishing journey during his week-long climb to the summit of one of the world's most famous mountains.

Since his climb, West has not slowed down in his efforts to raise awareness and additional funds for the clean water project in Kenya. He recently finished a 300 kilometer trek between Edmonton and Calgary in Alberta, Canada. He completed the journey in 11 days, undertaking nearly an entire marathon every day.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Spencer West for his inspiring achievements for powerful social change. Through his determined work and optimism, he has demonstrated that the impossible is indeed possible.

JOSEPH A. PIERANGELI, FORMER
UNICO PRESIDENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joseph A. Pierangeli, the former president of the UNICO Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Chapter.

Mr. Pierangeli has served as a member of UNICO for 10 years. UNICO is the largest Italian American organization in the United States. Members seek to improve their communities by providing assistance to area and national charities through fundraisers and donations. Additionally, they strive to honor and educate others about their Italian culture and ethnic heritage.

Currently, Mr. Pierangeli serves as the Chief Executive Officer of United Rehabilitation Services in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Penn State University, Mr. Pierangeli is a proud husband and father who plays an active role in many civic organizations throughout Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

Mr. Speaker, for his dedicated service to both his Italian heritage and our community, I commend Joseph A. Pierangeli, former president of the UNICO Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Chapter.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
JOHN D. DINGELL JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2013, Congressman JOHN DINGELL became the longest-serving Member of Congress in the history of our country.

To put Congressman DINGELL's tenure into perspective mathematically, one would need a calculator. The Washington Post reported that since the American Revolution, Congressman DINGELL has been a Member of Congress for 24 percent of that time. That's over 20,000 days.

I measure his tenure in far greater terms . . . his contributions to our country.

Nearly every major law one can point to today bears the imprint of Congressman DINGELL. From fighting for civil rights and clean water, to improving labor laws and health care, JOHN DINGELL is the epitome of effective service to our country.

He has seen Popes pass and Presidents elected, wars won and wars lost, championship sports teams and the first email.

Much in the world has changed since Congressman DINGELL was first elected in 1955, but he has been the "constant" in Congress to count on. He fights for what's right, putting his constituents first and politics second. He sets his sights on his goals and relentlessly pursues them. He is a prudent and wise man.

So thank you, Mr. DINGELL. Thank you for inspiring us, and thank you for all you've done for our country.

It's an honor to serve with you.