

to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Covanta SEMASS to learn more about renewable energy. Most recently, these kids presented two day-long energy carnivals for students of the Harwich and Chatham Elementary Schools.

This year, Harwich Cares won first place in Massachusetts and second place in the U.S. in the National Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement. As such, they attended the National Energy Education Development Project's awards program in Washington, DC this past weekend.

It is truly inspiring to see a group of passionate young people educating their community and working towards a greener future. Finding cleaner sources of energy should be a national priority, and I am proud that such important strides are being made on Cape Cod.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the educators and students of Harwich Middle School on their community education and leadership on environmental issues.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERYL
YOUNG

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary leader in San Mateo County. Sheryl Young, Chief Executive Officer of Community Gatepath, is retiring after 26 years of remarkable service to the special needs community. Sheryl is a leading ambassador for individuals with special needs in San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties and one of the most thoughtful, generous and creative women I know. I feel extremely fortunate to count her as one of my closest friends and a member of the yoga girls. Sheryl first joined the organization as a volunteer, then known as Poplar Center, and quickly discovered she found her life's calling.

In 1988, the nonprofit provided direct services to 370 individuals, had a modest budget of \$1 million and a workforce of only 20 professionals. Since then, Sheryl has overseen remarkable growth at the agency as it now serves more than 9,000 individuals, has a budget of \$12.4 million and employs 175 directors, managers and professionals.

For more than 95 years, Community Gatepath has provided programs, support services, education, and information for the special needs community. Sheryl and her staff are dedicated to making their motto more than just words. These good people have their hearts committed to "Turning Disabilities into Possibilities." Sheryl's significant accomplishments include the launch and completion of a \$5 million capital campaign; the development of Learning Links Preschool—San Mateo County's first inclusive preschool; and the creation and launch of AbilityPath.org—a first-of-its-kind online resource and social network for parents, families, and providers that was voted best online special needs community by users of About.com in 2012. Sheryl was the only invited guest focused on children with special needs at the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention event in 2012 that was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Sheryl was also selected to participate in Harvard Busi-

ness School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-profit Management program.

As proof of Sheryl's standing in our community, "The Sheryl Young Community Impact Award" has been established to pay tribute to persons, businesses and organizations that make an impact in their community by helping people with disabilities.

Sheryl is a graduate of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders. She also earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley, a Master's Degree in Special Education from Ball State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Purdue University.

I first met Sheryl when she worked for the County of San Mateo. A friend of mine gave birth to a child with Down syndrome and was told by her doctors that she would be unable to raise the girl and was urged to turn her over to a residential treatment center. Sheryl advocated on behalf of the infant and found a suitable program at Poplar Center to assist the family. Sheryl was so impressed with the program at Poplar Center that she stayed involved. Shortly thereafter, Sheryl's heart and head convinced her to leave county government and accept an offer to lead Poplar Center.

Little did I know that this first encounter with Sheryl would lead to a lifetime friendship. I find inspiration in her leadership style and her entrepreneurial spirit within the non-profit community. In her retirement, Sheryl is primed to continue her world travels, read and hike more and is delightfully planning her daughter's wedding, with dreams of becoming a grandma. Her co-workers will miss her energy, warmth and ability to think outside the box. They will miss her daily example of unconditional love toward her clients and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Sheryl Young for being a public servant extraordinaire. Sheryl has changed lives for the better, including my own.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JASON LAMBERT

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jason Lambert. Jason has been a small business owner in downtown Orlando for over ten years and has been involved with local politics and community fundraising since 2004. He has owned bars and restaurants in downtown Orlando, Thornton Park, and Ivanhoe Village, which, for over a decade, has enabled him to host fundraising and special events.

In 2005, Jason was honored to have been one of the founding members of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Orlando Steering Committee. Since that time, he has served on the Board of Governors for over six years. He was also the Federal Club co-chair for over two years, during which time the Orlando Steering Committee was awarded "Federal Club of the Year" by the HRC. He also co-chaired the annual "COOK Orlando" event for three years, one of the signature fundraising events for the local community.

One of his proudest moments with HRC was when he ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. as an HRC Athlete for Equality in 2012, just one year after the historic repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. In addition to HRC, Jason also contributes to and supports the Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood, Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation, Equality Florida, Come Out with Pride, and the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA).

Most recently, his newest business was recognized as the "2014 Small Business of the Year" by the MBA. He currently serves on the Ivanhoe Village Main Street Board as the Promotions Chair and was recently asked to be on the board of The Barber Fund, a local organization that helps people living with cancer. He lives with his partner Joe and their two dogs Logan and Blue.

I am happy to honor Jason Lambert, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
WORK OF TODD ALLEN AND
KEMAL PASAMEHMETOGLU

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Deputy Laboratory Director Todd Allen and Associate Laboratory Director Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, two of the Idaho National Laboratory's leaders in nuclear energy research and development. On June 17, 2014, The American Nuclear Society's Materials Science and Technology Division honored these two Idaho National Laboratory leaders with achievement awards at the American Nuclear Society meeting in Reno, Nevada. The awards were presented at the American Nuclear Society Embedded Topical meeting on Nuclear Fuels and Structural Materials.

Kemal Pasamehmetoglu, Idaho National Laboratory's Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science & Technology was honored as the 2013 recipient of its Special Achievement Award. The division's most prestigious award recognizes international leadership in establishing a science-based approach to nuclear fuel development and seminal contributions to the nuclear materials area.

Todd Allen, Idaho National Laboratory's Deputy Laboratory Director for Science & Technology, was honored as the 2012 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for his leadership and many contributions to nuclear materials area.

Our nation needs to continue investing in research and development to enhance economic prosperity, energy security and US leadership. While researchers like Todd Allen and Kemal Pasamehmetoglu have come to the Idaho National Laboratory to use unique equipment and facilities to push nuclear technology forward, they are also leading teams of talented men and women to accelerate American innovation. It is appropriate that the American Nuclear Society has recognized Drs. Allen and Pasamehmetoglu for their technical contributions, and I would like to offer my own thanks to Todd and Kemal for their great work.

#BRINGBACKOURBOYS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention an incident that happened last week in Israel, a situation being referred to internationally as “#BringBackOurBoys.” On June 12, three teenage Israeli students, Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel, disappeared from a hitchhiking point a little south of Jerusalem, Israel. While no group has come forward to take responsibility for this action, the Israeli government has pointed fingers at Hamas. As you know, Mr. Speaker, Hamas, a radical Islamist party, first came to power following the Palestinian legislative elections in 2006, defeating the former ruling party, Fatah. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) has arrested over 200 suspects, most of them Hamas members, over the past week. In addition to these arrests, they have expanded their search in hopes to retrieve these abducted boys.

People all over the world have gathered together, to express their concerns for these boys and their families. Many rallies have taken place outside of various World Cup arenas in hopes of bringing media attention to this important issue. A mass rally has been planned for next Tuesday, June 24th, outside of the Israeli Consulate in New York.

This past week, on Wednesday June 18, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and The Israel Forever Foundation co-sponsored a vigil outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C. Over 250 members of the community gathered to chant and listen to speakers of many different faiths reiterating the need for these boys to be returned to their families safely. Rabbi Adam Raskin of Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, Maryland said “They are our kids. This is a kidnapping from our family,” asking “Can you imagine the anguish and the pain of their parents?” This is an issue that we must continue to put pressure on, in order to return these boys to their families.

As another Sabbath passes, my thoughts and prayers are with the families of these young men. We remain hopeful for the immediate safe return of these students. Mr. Speaker, everyone in this country, regardless of their individual faith, needs to be mindful of the words Presbyterian Minister Roy Howard of St. Marks Church in North Bethesda, Maryland spoke at this week’s rally at the Israeli Embassy here in Washington: “We are united with Israel, the Jewish people; they are not my boys, but I stand in solidarity with you.”

HONORING THOMAS AND
CHRISTINA MORZELLO**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas and

Christina Morzello of Valhalla, New York, who were married on June 28, 1964. Tom and Dina were married at St. Anthony’s Church in West Harrison, NY. Tom graduated from White Plains High School in 1959 and was drafted into the Army where he spent two years as motor pool driver. Following his honorable discharge, he began a 35 year career as an electrician. After her graduation from White Plains High School in 1963, Dina attended Berkley Secretarial School and gained employment as a Secretary for General Foods. After having four children, she began a 25 year career as a teacher for the White Plains School District. Tom enjoys riding his motorcycle and is an active member of the Westchester Harley Owner Group (HOG). Dina enjoys gardening, scrapbooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Tom and Dina must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family. Tom and Dina have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

I proudly ask you to join me, along with Tom and Dina’s four sons and their wives, six grandchildren, and many friends and family, in congratulating them on this significant occasion and wishing them many more years of happiness together.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chair, I rise today to highlight an important provision that was included in H.R. 4870, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2015, which could help my constituent, Debbie Zelman, along with thousands of others like her with stomach cancer.

Five years ago, Debbie was diagnosed with Stage IV stomach cancer. While the doctor gave her only a 50/50 chance to live after one year, Debbie is still with us, fighting one of the deadliest forms of cancer.

Debbie is not alone in her battle. Every year, 21,000 Americans are diagnosed with stomach cancer, and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in this country.

To help Debbie and others affected by this horrible cancer, I, along with 57 of my colleagues, requested from the Appropriations Committee that stomach cancer research become eligible for funding through the Defense Department’s Peer Reviewed Research Program (PRCRP) for 2015.

The PRCRP funds research into eleven cancer types, including blood cancer, colorectal cancer, and pancreatic cancer. Adding stomach cancer to the list of eligible diseases could make an enormous difference in

understanding this under-researched cancer, including its array of risk factors and causes.

I’m proud that the House Defense Appropriations bill includes report language to allow stomach cancer research to be funded through this Research Program. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that the Senate passes this important language as well.

By taking this step, we will be able to better understand this deadly disease, and, hopefully, get closer to finding a much-needed cure.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF JOHN DANIEL
RUFFIER**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize John Daniel Ruffier.

John was born May 21, 1971 in Orlando, Florida to Eugene Daniel Ruffier and Joan Dial Ruffier. He is their third child, along with William Eugene (“Bill”) and Margaret Grace. John is a product of Orange County public schools, having attended Lake Silver Elementary, Lee Junior High, and Edgewater High School before going on to Vanderbilt University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts Degree in English and History in 1992. Ruffier then attended the University of Florida’s Fredric G. Levin College of Law. Upon graduation in 1996, John joined Orlando’s largest and most prestigious law firm, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., where he remains a shareholder specializing in commercial real estate, with a focus on assisting clients with the acquisition, financing, and sale of senior housing communities and medical office buildings. John also works with governmental and non-profit institutions in forming partnerships for large-scale redevelopment projects. John has earned the highest rating of “AV” from Martindale-Hubbell for his legal skills.

John has an extensive record of public service with community service organizations in Central Florida and has served on the board of directors for many groups, such as the Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, the Orlando Shakespeare Theater, and the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless. He also served on the City of Orlando Public Art Advisory Board for many years. In 2007, John was appointed by then-governor Charlie Crist to the Florida Real Estate Commission, where he served until 2011. John, along with Jennifer Foster, founded the Central Florida steering committee for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and, after having served on HRC’s national board of governors for many years, joined the board of directors for HRC’s non-profit foundation in 2011.

I am happy to honor John Daniel Ruffier, during LGBT Pride Month, for his professional and civic contributions to the Central Florida community.