

parks, including Recreation Park, where residents can come together to enjoy Wisconsin's great summers and play baseball, tennis, and volleyball, and "Tank" Park, where residents can enjoy various recreational activities while inspecting the park's World War 2 Era tank.

The beautiful wooded lands surrounding the village make it an excellent destination for outdoorsmen and women of all sorts. Melrose is a great place to explore the Black River, or to hike, bike, or snowmobile on one of its many recreational trails. The village also hosts a number of popular events, including the Melrose Corn Broil, which features locally-grown produce.

On July 5, 2014, Village President Tory Lockington, local elected leaders, and Melrose residents will come together to celebrate the village's centennial with a variety of events devoted to the village's diverse offerings, including a farmer's market, concerts, and various performances by local student groups. Today, I recognize Melrose's centennial and join in their celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF
THE WOLF CREEK BRIDGE TO
MICHAEL G. GIBBS

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the dedication of the Wolf Creek Bridge in Cocke County, Tennessee to Mr. Michael Gibbs.

The Wolf Creek Bridge is one of East Tennessee's infrastructural treasures. Located in Cocke County, Tennessee, the original bridge was completed in February 1928 for a meager cost of \$119,102. Having been through a series of repairs throughout its time, the Wolf Creek Bridge underwent its first major rehabilitation in April 2012 under the direction of the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Wolf Creek Bridge is now larger than it has ever been at 30.8 feet across with lanes widened to 12 feet and 3 foot shoulders on either side. Thanks to this rehabilitation, this bridge, which has been an integral part of the region since its induction in 1928, is now better than it has ever been before.

June 27, 2014 marked a new day in the history of the Wolf Creek Bridge, wherein the bridge was dedicated to one of the many soldiers from Tennessee that has given his life to the service of our nation and renamed Veterans Pass in Memory of Michael Gerald Gibbs. Michael G. Gibbs, a native of Del Rio, Tennessee, served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. On April 25, 1967 he made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and was among the first casualties from Cocke County, Tennessee. His name on the Wolf Creek Bridge marks a significant union between those who have served our nation on the front lines through the military and those that have provided the necessary infrastructure and community support to keep America strong at its core.

It is an honor to see the dedication of the Wolf Creek Bridge to the memory of Mr. Michael Gibbs, a true representation of the volunteer spirit.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PENN STATE COOPERATIVE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago, the Cooperative Extension was established by Congress as a nationwide transformational education system that would operate through Land-Grant universities. We acknowledge the good work of the Penn State Cooperative Extension in this anniversary year. This successful program advocates healthful lifestyle choices, community vitality and a safe and abundant food supply, while dedicated to protecting our natural resources. It engages rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, with topical classes available to children as well as adults, such as business, health, family, youth, food, animals, plants, pests and master gardener classes. Like all Cooperative Extensions, the Penn State Cooperative is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture, state and county government. We congratulate the Cooperative Extension and its dedicated staff on a century of outstanding service to the communities they serve and look forward to interesting and exciting programming through the 21st century.

HONORING SYLESTER FLOWERS,
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HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Sylester Flowers. Known as a hardworking and long-standing public health advocate, and a visionary in the field of pharmaceutical services, Mr. Flowers has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on June 21, 2014, we look to Sylester Flowers' legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 30, 1935 in High Point, North Carolina, Mr. Flowers grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Howard University in 1958 and moved to California after serving in the military. He worked as a pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco from 1961 to 1963 before opening his first retail pharmacy, The Apothecary, in East Oakland in 1964. He opened other pharmacies in working-class neighborhoods that grew into a successful chain, all while primarily serving underrepresented communities. In 1967, Mr. Flowers founded the Ramsell Corporation (Ramsell) as a holding company for his pharmacies. His business later flourished as he expanded into managing pharmaceutical services. In addition, he served as the Pharmacy Director for the San Francisco County Mental Health Department's methadone treatment program from 1971 to 1982, and also held teaching positions as an adjunct professor of pharmacy at the

University of the Pacific in Stockton and as an assistant clinical professor of pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy.

Headquartered in Oakland, Ramsell serves as the parent company to four healthcare-related businesses including Ramsell Public Health Rx, Ramsell Pharmacy Solutions, Ramsell Information Technology and Ramsell International. In 1997, Ramsell won a competitive bid to administer the State of California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and the company operates similar programs in Oregon, Texas, Washington, Colorado and Delaware. Active in 14 states, Ramsell provides forty percent of HIV/AIDS medications nationally with a mission to ensure that underserved communities receive access to prescription drugs and quality health care services. Ramsell has expanded services to include drug administration program management, medication therapy management, patient assistance programs tools and re-entry solutions for Corrections. Mr. Flowers served as CEO and President of Ramsell until 2008, when he stepped down and his son Eric Flowers took the reins. He served as Chairman of the Board until his passing.

Throughout his prolific career, Mr. Flowers was also keenly committed to community leadership. With a strong passion for giving back to his community and finding solutions to bridging the gaps in care and treatment in marginalized populations, Mr. Flowers and his family established the Flowers Heritage Foundation in 2003 with an educational grant to Howard University. The Flowers Heritage Foundation became a non-profit organization in 2005 and is dedicated to working closely with community partners and stakeholders to achieve successful outcomes of the unmet needs in the healthcare system, which includes identifying and addressing disparities in HIV/AIDS care and prevention as well as other burgeoning health crises.

Mr. Flowers also earned myriad accolades, including recognition by the California State Senate and then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007, and receiving the California Pharmacy Hall of Fame Award in 2008 by the California Pharmacists Association. In 2009, Mr. Flowers received the Pinnacle Award from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation for his leadership on enhancing healthcare quality. Additionally, he was honored by Howard University and received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement for his accomplishments in business and public health service. In 2013, the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce honored Ramsell with the Oscar J. Coffey Small Business Award for its vital contributions to improving the lives of Oakland and Alameda County residents.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and community leader, Mr. Sylester Flowers. His invaluable service to improving the lives of the underserved will live on in the endless legacy of his life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones, friends and colleagues he touched over the course of his incredible life. May his soul rest in peace.

WELCOMING PARISH CHOIR AND CHORISTERS OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome the Parish Choir and Choristers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church to our nation's capital.

The choir, along with their Rector, The Rev. Darren R. S. Elin, and music director, Dr. Carlton Monroe, was one of a few Episcopal choirs invited to sing at the National Cathedral this summer, a very distinct honor.

I congratulate these men, women, and children on this special occasion, and I commend them for their service to their community and to God. We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated people in the Second Congressional District of Ohio.

Again, congratulations to the St. Thomas Church Choir on this well-deserved honor. I wish them the best of luck this weekend and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAL BODZIANOWSKI

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michal Bodzianowski of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Michal, a sixth grader at STEM High and Academy, is an honorable winner of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education's Student Spaceflight Experiments Program.

Michal's project will explore the creation of beer in microgravity. The project was one of eleven student proposals that were selected to be aboard SpaceX-3 that launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in December of 2013.

His innovative project is currently being executed at the International Space Station by astronauts who are closely following the direction of the young scientist himself. Simultaneously, Michal is conducting the same experiment on the ground to see what differences may arise. We are rooting for the success of Michal's experiment and are certain that it will have pivotal, lasting effects on the evolution of space research.

Michal serves as role model to young scientists. His early dedication and determination to study science and technology is a testament to the American dream and I am proud to represent him in Congress. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Michal Bodzianowski for his achievement of winning the "Student Spaceflight Experiments Program" and successfully launching his experiment into space.

HONORING HOUSTON JEWELRY

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Houston Jewelry, a Houston family-owned and operated business since 1866, which has specialized in diamonds and fine jewelry since 1953. A true "Texas Treasure," this jewelry store can trace its history all the way back to the family's general store on Main Street. The Donsky-Solomon family is now in its fifth generation of active management of the business.

The history of this family store mirrors that of Texas itself. What started out as a frontier general store in the young, burgeoning town of Houston, grew and matured to become one of "America's Best Couture Jewelers" and a multiple winner of the Better Business Bureau of Houston's Award for Excellence. Like the city of Houston, from humble beginnings, the store owned by the Donsky-Solomon family has now earned national and international recognition. From the sale of staple and fancy dry goods to fine jewelry through catalog and online sales, each generation has enhanced the business it inherited. Weathering storms, economic busts, and national depressions, Houston Jewelry has been a steadfast testament to the power of determination, innovation, and family bonds. Their contributions to Houston are unquestioned, and I wish them continued success.

FAREWELL REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR TATOUL MARKARIAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Ambassador Tatoul Markarian for his service as the Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States.

A distinguished diplomat, the Ambassador has a long career in public service, having represented the people of Armenia both at home and around the world. Prior to his current position, he served as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Special Representative of the President of Armenia for Nagorno Karabakh negotiations and as Ambassador to the Mexican States. Additionally, he served previously from 1994–1999 as the Deputy Chief of Mission for the Armenian Embassy in Washington.

Before entering the Armenian Foreign Service, Ambassador Markarian served in the newly-independent Armenia's legislative and executive branches.

I am proud of the work we have been able to accomplish together while Ambassador Markarian has been stationed in Washington for the last nine years. Together, we have fought together for Congressional Recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and foreign aid assistance to both the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Armenia. As the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I have had the honor of working

closely on these issues for more than twenty years.

Today, the U.S.-Armenian relationship remains critically important. Armenia has been a crucial ally in a strategic region of the world by extending robust support for the U.S.-led peacekeeping deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo. Additionally, they have cooperated with the United States on a broad range of regional and security challenges. This relationship has been stewarded and advanced by Ambassador Markarian during his time in Washington.

Ambassador Markarian has dedicated his life's work to our shared goals and the people of Armenia. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to him for his service here in the United States and offer both him and his family the best of luck as they move forward on to their next diplomatic posting.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA, AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on this, the eve of the anniversary of American Independence, it is fitting that we recognize not only the role of the founders in freedom's birthplace, Philadelphia, but that we salute those who have, ever since that declaration of freedom in 1776, fought in battle after battle and in war after war to secure our freedoms. On that day of days celebrating America's freedoms, like all days when freedom reigns, we should honor those who have so selflessly served and made such extraordinary personal sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, more than a year before independence was declared, General George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. His leadership was born of our War for Independence, and, to this day, General Washington remains a revered figure for the soldier in the field. And for so many reasons, the General still warmly resides in America's hearts and minds. Among our Nation's highest honors stands one enjoying almost universal recognition and holding a distinguished reverence by those both inside and outside the ranks of our dedicated military services. Its pedigree stretches back to the legendary commitment General Washington had made to his troops.

Above all, the Purple Heart symbolizes the sacrifice made freely for this country, given for each of us and for future generations. Here in our Nation's Capital on the office wall of West Virginia's Third Congressional District hangs one of my most cherished recognitions, a citation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America recognizing my service to the Order. Each year, I am honored to welcome West Virginia members of the Order to my office and to discuss with them issues of importance.

Many times I have had the high honor of presenting the Purple Heart to my fellow West Virginians. Without exception, they are as humble in accepting this award as they were meritorious in their actions for which it was granted. Here, Mr. Speaker, is found the true heart of the American character.