

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Hattie Crews for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all, now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 18, 2014 as Ms. Hattie Crews Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of August, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMARADERIE FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Camaraderie Foundation, a Central Florida nonprofit organization that offers counseling, emotional support and spiritual guidance for military service members, veterans and their families.

The Camaraderie Foundation was founded in 2009 by Captain Michael Waldrop and his wife, Marnie. Following Capt. Waldrop's deployment to Afghanistan, the Waldrops sought counseling and found it to be vital to the wellbeing of their marriage and reintegration into the community. Capt. Waldrop noticed that stigma associated with counseling often dissuaded military members from benefitting from it. Believing that private counseling and spiritual community can alleviate post-deployment issues, the Waldrops started the Camaraderie Foundation to serve the military community.

The Camaraderie Foundation provides counseling scholarships to military service members and their families, community-building programs that create support networks before and after deployment, and a mentorship program that assists military members with their transitions back into civilian life.

According to the Camaraderie Foundation, 84,803 service members have been deployed from Central Florida since September 11, 2001. To these men and women, we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. I thank them for their service, and I commend the Camaraderie Foundation for their extraordinary leadership and dedication to serving our nation's military.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE MAZE

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Maze, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and war veteran. He was a devoted American and an exceptional servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. While I never had the chance to meet Joe, the stories of his legacy should inspire us all.

He's remembered as a great warrior and dedicated serviceman who pledged his devotion to tirelessly fight for moralistic causes until

the very end. After the completion of two tours in Vietnam and retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1971, Joe decided that his calling was to continue serving by becoming a part of the law enforcement community. He was a Papillion City Police Officer who diligently worked to protect and serve our community until 1995. His success was apparent as he advanced from Deputy to Captain of the Sarpy County Police Department during his law enforcement career. Not only did he strive to protect our community, but he helped safeguard it as well by volunteering with the Papillion Fire Department in his off time.

Those who knew Joe describe a completely selfless member of our community who was passionate about helping others in need. Those who knew him best say he was devoted to service, and gave his time and energy to those less fortunate. He was active in Masonic organizations in both Nebraska and Oregon. He traveled to Minnesota to visit children in the Shriners Hospital where he dressed up as Snuffy the Clown and would spend the day visiting with sick children making them laugh. It's said his gentle demeanor would raise anyone's spirits. This one act of kindness demonstrates that Joe left a very positive impact on this world. May we all find comfort in remembering the joy he brought to others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering my deepest condolences to the Maze family for their loss. Let us honor him by reflecting on his lifetime of selfless service to others and may his legacy live on.

HONORING PRIVATE SAMUEL REED

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Private Samuel Reed, who served our nation during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Private Reed will be honored on September 13, 2014 with a Grave Marking Ceremony at Reid's Chapel United Methodist in Murphy, North Carolina. Private Reed's fourth-great grandson, Edward Wayne Reid, and his wife Carol, have organized the event.

Born in Rowan County, North Carolina around the year 1750, Private Reed was a true patriot, serving in the Revolutionary War with his father, Colonel James Reed, and his six brothers. He fought in multiple key battles between the years of 1778 and 1781 throughout North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. Additionally, during the War of 1812, Private Reed served in the North Carolina Militia.

After many years of military service, Private Reed and his wife, Rachel Sparks Reed, settled in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Private Reed died in 1851 at the age of 101 and was buried in the old Reed Cemetery, close to where Reid's Chapel United Methodist is today.

We owe our freedom and independence to great men like Private Samuel Reed. I am proud to honor this brave man and his many accomplishments in defense of our nation.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE AND RECOGNIZING THE VIBRANT AND ACTIVE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the independence of Ukraine and recognize the Ukrainian community of Rochester, NY for their valuable contributions to the development of the Rochester region and their unshakable support for a stable, democratic, prosperous and sovereign Ukraine in the face of tremendous adversity.

Since the Ukrainian parliament officially proclaimed Ukraine as an independent state on August 24, 1991, the people of Ukraine have worked tirelessly to establish a stable democracy and a prosperous economy open to western trade and investment. Though there have been many setbacks along the way, the will and determination of the Ukrainian people has never wavered and they have repeatedly shown their unwillingness to accept injustice or autocratic rule, most recently during the EuroMaidan movement.

Since the ouster of President Viktor Yanukovich in February 2014, Ukraine has encountered tremendous opposition and aggression from the Russian Federation and President Vladimir Putin. President Putin has used the full resources at his disposal to sow instability and unrest as Ukraine worked to elect a new President and integrate with Europe and the west. These tactics began with the Russian invasion and annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and continue to this day, as Russia arms and supports separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine so craven they shot down a commercial airliner carrying civilian passengers and blocked the international community's access to the crash site.

In response to Russia's actions, the United States Congress quickly passed legislation authorizing \$1 billion in loan guarantees to the Ukraine government, \$60 million in assistance for training and non-lethal equipment and material to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, National Guard, and State Border Guard Service, and over \$70 million to help Ukraine hold free and fair presidential elections, root out corruption, enhance their energy security, and stabilize their economy.

I also worked with my colleagues on the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus to introduce legislation to provide Ukraine with more robust military assistance as they battle well-funded separatist rebels supported by Russia in Eastern Ukraine. As the leading world power, the U.S. should give Ukraine the tools and resources it needs to stand up to this threat and maintain its independence, sovereignty, and democracy.

The city of Rochester, NY in my district has been blessed with a vibrant and active Ukrainian population that began settling the region as early as the 1880s. These hardworking and civic-minded citizens have left their mark in business, banking, medicine, public affairs, and other industries vital to the success of our community. They have also been active and

engaged in Ukraine's struggle for political, economic and social stability. They have brought attention to injustice and lobbied public officials to take action. I am incredibly proud of this community and to have been made an honorary Ukrainian by my constituents. I have been pleased to work on their behalf during my years in Congress.

While Ukraine still has many miles left on its journey for peace, prosperity, and democracy, I am encouraged by the progress the Ukrainian people have made and their courage to continue fighting. I'm also reminded of their quest this year as we mark the bicentennial of the birth of the great Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko, whose strong advocacy for Ukraine as an independent state left a lasting impression on the people of Ukraine for generations.

As Mr. Shevchenko wrote in the 1858 poem *Fate*, "So let's march on, dear fate of mine! My humble, truthful, faithful friend! Keep marching on: there glory lies; March forward—that's my testament."

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ukraine on its 23rd Independence Day, and honoring and thanking the Ukrainian community of Rochester, NY, for their tireless work to promote a stable, democratic, prosperous and sovereign Ukraine at a time of tremendous adversity. I am honored to represent such a passionate and dedicated community.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NONPROFITS INSURANCE ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA (NIAC)

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC), a remarkable organization that provides essential risk-management services to enable nonprofit organizations to meet the needs of our citizens and contribute to our economy.

NIAC was conceived by Pamela Davis in her Master's thesis at UC Berkeley Graduate School of Public Policy in 1987. Despite no insurance background, she recognized the growing inability of nonprofit organizations to obtain necessary insurance coverage from commercial insurers. This, in turn, limited nonprofits' ability to fulfill their missions of service to our communities. During the mid-1980s, many insurance companies dropped coverage for nonprofits when, at the same time, evidence of insurance was required as a condition of providing government funded services to communities. As a result, nonprofits lost funding and were unable to offer many essential services to children, seniors, and our most fragile citizens because the insurance industry believed that the risk posed by these operations was too great.

Ms. Davis challenged insurance companies to produce data that would demonstrate the riskiness of nonprofit operations. When no such information was forthcoming, she concluded that the risk of nonprofits had not been properly evaluated. Looking ahead, she proposed that the nonprofit sector could better serve its own insurance needs by pooling to-

gether and creating their own insurance companies—essentially self-insuring each other.

The Davis thesis led directly to the formation of NIAC. It was published by the California Community Foundation and widely distributed as a possible solution to a difficult problem. With California Association of Nonprofits serving as fiscal agent, Ms. Davis spent two years raising funds and putting together all of the required infrastructure for NIAC. On November 1, 1989, with loans of \$1.3 million from foundations including Ford and Packard, NIAC's charitable risk pool welcomed its first member-insured.

Now, 25 years later, NIAC insures 8,500 nonprofits in California and holds an A (Excellent) rating from AM Best. It has demonstrated not only that nonprofits are eminently insurable, but also that the insurance prices that were being charged during the mid-1980s were too high. NIAC successfully reduced prices over its 25 years and returned \$31 million in dividends to its 501(c)(3) nonprofits because of better than expected claims experience. Those nonprofits have, in turn, been able to use those funds to bring more services to their communities.

Congress, in consideration of the public benefits provided by the nonprofit sector, passed legislation in 1996 to grant organizations like NIAC 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. By this legislation, Congress recognized the value of keeping funds at work in the nonprofit community.

Heeding the call in the late 1990s to assist nonprofits outside of California, NIAC was instrumental in creating the Alliance of Nonprofits, Risk Retention Group (ANI). ANI's formation in 2000 was enabled with grants of \$10 million from the Gates and Packard foundations. The company now insures nearly 5,000 nonprofits in 30 states for all types of liability insurance, just as NIAC has done in California.

In her thesis, Ms. Davis had proposed that if more resources could be allocated to providing training and risk management assistance, fewer accidents would occur and less money would be needed to pay for claims and litigation. From their inceptions, NIAC and ANI have provided free services to help nonprofits avoid injury and accidents to their clients and members of the public. They provide free driver training, webinars, in-person consultations and many, many other services to help nonprofits do their work more efficiently and safely. These programs have demonstrated the success of that idea.

Mr. Speaker, I have supported NIAC's efforts through its history and have watched the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance Group grow in its ability to serve our vital and vibrant nonprofit sector. Too often we fail to acknowledge the work of people and organizations who are dedicated to serving our community needs and making our neighborhoods a more livable and tolerant place for all of us. Today, I would like to recognize NIAC and its dedicated employees and volunteer board members for their work to help strengthen an important part of our economy—nonprofit organizations.

COMBATING THE EBOLA THREAT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last month, I convened an emergency hearing, during recess, to address a grave and serious health threat which has in recent weeks gripped mass media attention and heightened public fears of an epidemic—the Ebola virus.

What we gained from the hearing is a realistic understanding of what we are up against, while avoiding sensationalism.

Ebola is a severe, often fatal disease that first emerged in 1976 and has killed 90% of its victims in some past outbreaks.

Since March of this year, there have been more than 1,700 cases of Ebola, including more than 900 fatalities, in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria.

This time, the average fatality rate in this outbreak is estimated at 55%—ranging from 74% in Guinea to 42% in Sierra Leone. The disparity in mortality rates is partially linked to the capacity of governments to treat and contain the disease and per capita health spending by affected country governments.

There is also concern that, given modern air travel and the latency time of the disease, the virus will jump borders and threaten lives elsewhere in Africa and even here in the United States.

In my own state of New Jersey, at CentraState Hospital in Freehold, precautions were taken. A person who had traveled from West Africa began manifesting symptoms, including a high fever. He was put in isolation. Thankfully, it was not Ebola, and the patient has been released.

New Jersey Health Commissioner Mary O'Dowd reiterated to me yesterday that New Jersey hospitals have infection control programs in which they train and are ready to deal with potentially infectious patients that come through their doors. She also told me that physicians and hospital workers follow very specific protocols on how to protect themselves as well as other patients, and how to observe a patient if they have any concerns, which includes protocols like managing a patient in isolation so that they are not around others who are not appropriately protected.

The commissioner also underscored that the federal government has U.S. quarantine stations throughout the country to limit the introduction of any disease that might come into the United States at ports of entry like New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport.

As you know key symptoms of Ebola include fever; weakness; head, joint muscle, throat and stomach aches; and then vomiting and diarrhea, rashes and bleeding. These symptoms are also seen in other diseases besides Ebola, which makes an accurate diagnosis early on uncertain.

Ebola punches holes in blood vessels by breaking down the vessel walls, causing massive bleeding and shock. The virus spreads quickly before most people's bodies can fight the infection, effectively breaking down the development of antibodies. As a result, there is massive bleeding within 7 to 10 days after infection that too often results in the death of the infected person.

Fruit bats are suspected of being a primary transmitter of Ebola to humans in West Africa.